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SURPRISE ATTACK MADE BY FRENCH

Killed or Captured All Germans in a Position in Lorraine

NO CHANGE LAST NIGHT IN REGION OF VERDUN

Berlin Says There is Heavy Fighting South of St. Eloi

Paris, March 28.—The official statement given out this afternoon says there was no change in the Verdun region during the night. East of the Meuse all was calm and, to the west of the river there were artillery squalls.

The text of the communication follows: "Last night passed quietly to the east of the river Meuse. There was considerable activity on the part of the opposing artillery forces to the west of the Meuse, in the region of Malancourt, as well as in the Louve sector at the foot of the heights of the Meuse.

"In Lorraine, in the district of Parroy, we delivered a surprise attack on a position of the enemy, the occupants of which were either killed or taken prisoners. In withdrawing we blew up the position.

"There has been nothing else of importance on the remainder of the front." German Statement.

GERMANY WAGING WAR ON NEUTRALS

One-Third of Tonnage Sunk Since March 15 Belonged to Neutrals

London, March 28.—Summarizing the work of the Germans since March 15, when their new programme of submarine warfare began, the Daily Telegraph says that in less than a fortnight they have sunk 70,000 tons of shipping, of which one-third belonged to neutrals.

The Daily Telegraph covers the period since the resignation of Admiral von Tirpitz, the German minister of the navy, on March 15. Germany's new submarine campaign was to have gone into effect on March 1, but for two weeks after that date there was nothing to indicate they had started their new effort.

British Ship Sunk.
London, March 28.—The sinking of the British steamship Empress of Midland is reported in a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam. The steamship Cromer, from London, arrived last night at Maasluik, Holland, with all the crew of the Empress of Midland.

The Empress of Midland, 2,224 tons gross, sailed from New York on January 5 for Cardiff, Wales.

GERMANS ARE NOT ADMITTING LOSSES

Claim They Have Succeeded in Repulsing All Attacks by Russians

Berlin, March 28.—Regarding the fighting in Russia, the official statement issued to-day says:

"The Russians drove fresh masses of troops against our lines near Postaw. The heroic resistance of the troops of the Saarbrücken Corps enabled us to withstand all the enemy attack in this neighborhood. These troops, supported on their flanks by Brandenburg, Hanoverian and Halle Corps, checked the repeated onslaughts made by two Russian divisions. Most severe losses were inflicted on the enemy.

"Repeated enemy attacks under cover of darkness near Mokrye met a similar fate. These attacks were made in an attempt to recover lost ground.

"Balkan theatre.—In response to the enemy's aerial attacks upon our positions near Lake Doiran, we conducted yesterday a similar raid on Salonica. Our flying squadron dropped numerous bombs on the new harbor and petroleum depots and on the entire encampment north of the town."

ALL WORKING FOR ONE GREAT PURPOSE

Conference in Paris One of Most Remarkable Gatherings Ever Held

CROSS CURRENTS NOT ALLOWED TO DEVELOP

Laboring for Whole of Humanity, States One of Delegates

Paris, March 28.—One of those taking part in the conference of the entente powers, which held its first session here yesterday, is quoted in the Matin as describing the unique character of the gathering.

"I have seen many conferences at which statesmen and diplomats took part," this delegate said. "Usually one received the impression that each person was carefully watching for an opportunity to turn to his own account the mistakes and weaknesses of the others and obtain the maximum advantage for the power he represented. But there is nothing of that kind at the present conference. A breath of high purpose and resolve seemed to pass over the historic assembly and to touch us all deeply.

"We felt at every moment that a work for humanity far greater than any national aspiration was incumbent upon us and guided us to a single end. The image of the enemy we must reduce was ever before our eyes. The absolute necessity for union and for sacrifices echoed in every word. There is indeed in this conference an unforgettable grandeur for those who have the honor to share in its deliberations."

HOPE CAVALRY WILL TAKE BANDIT CHIEF

Americans Have Prepared Body of Picked Cavalrymen to Make Dash

Field Headquarters American Expeditionary Force, Colonia Dublan, Chihuahua, March 28.—By wireless to Columbus, N. M.—Preparations for closing in on Francisco Villa in a quick, thoroughly prepared cavalry drive were being pushed forward rapidly to-day at the field headquarters of Brigadier General Pershing, expeditionary commander.

A body of picked cavalrymen has been concentrated and now is in reserve at the front somewhere south of Nampulpa, on the northeastern edge of the Guerrero district. These men are prepared to make a dash of indefinite duration as soon as the bandit chief is located.

It is known that American military leaders look to the cavalry for the actual capture of Villa.

May Be Moved.
With the establishment of the new American advance base 120 miles south of Casas Grandes, and with developments apparently imminent, it is believed that the field headquarters may be moved shortly from Colonia Dublan to a point nearer the front so that Brigadier General Pershing may be in closer communication with the troops in the American vanguard.

Army reports indicated to-day that quiet continued to prevail along the American line and that there had been no engagements in which American troops had a part.

FRENCH LANDED AT PATRAS, GREECE, AND MADE TWO ARRESTS

Athens, March 28.—French marines landed at Patras, Greece, on Sunday, according to official advices received here to-day. The arrest by the French of two captains of interned German and Austrian ships also was reported. The Greek government is expected to send a protest to Paris.

PERSIAN PRINCE ON SUSSEX IS MISSING

Paris, March 28.—Prince Bahram, of the reigning family of Persia, who was a passenger on the Sussex, still is unaccounted for. His father, Prince Zillen Sultana, who at present is at Nice, practically has given up hope for his son.

RUSSIANS AIDED.

Petrograd, March 28.—Military critics express the belief that the Russian offensives on the eastern front and in Mesopotamia aided very greatly in putting an end to the attempt of the Germans to take Verdun.

NO GERMAN TROOPS IN GREEK TERRITORY; FORCED TO RETIRE

London, March 28.—A dispatch to the Morning Post from Salonica says it is officially confirmed that the Germans have been forced to retire over the frontier from all points occupied by them in Greek territory.

URGES HOLLAND TO JOIN WITH STATES

Amsterdam Paper Calls for End to Torpedoing Without Warning

NO DOUBT WHATEVER TUBANTIA TORPEDOED

Amsterdam, March 28.—The Handelsblad says that an expert examination has proved conclusively that the Dutch liner Tubantia was sunk by a torpedo with a bronze air chamber, which is found only in the Schtrikopf torpedoes made in Berlin. The torpedoes used by the British and French navies, the newspaper says, have steel air chambers. One of the experts suggests that the Tubantia might have been torpedoed by a small German torpedo boat whose station is Ostend.

NOTE OF DOUBT IN VOSSISCHE ZEITUNG

Admits There is Military Criticism in Germany; the Tubantia Blunder

Amsterdam, March 28.—The Vossische Zeitung, discussing the continuance of Germany's submarine policy, says: "The imperial chancellor will speak at one of the sessions of the budget committee, which is to discuss the resolutions on submarine warfare proposed by the Conservative, the National Liberal and the Centre parties. He will explain certain questions and will thoroughly convince the representatives of the nation.

"It must be admitted that a responsible statesman is in a difficult position toward the great public, for there are things which it is impossible to make public, much less to discuss publicly. In such a situation the question of how much confidence a statesman enjoys is of vital importance. The near future will show whether Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, enjoys public confidence and to what extent. Among the politicians of Germany opinion regarding the chancellor is not by any means united."

The newspaper declares that military criticism is not directed against military commanders nor against the kaiser, but solely against the kaiser's advisers. It says: "Regarding political success opinions are divided. Only recently, on the occasion of the sinking of the Tubantia, many doubts arose as to whether what had been achieved politically corresponded to our great military scheme."

80,380 NAMES ON LATEST PRUSSIAN CASUALTY LISTS

Rotterdam, March 28.—The latest Prussian casualty lists give the names of 80,380 killed, wounded and missing. This brings the total of Prussian losses as given so far in the official casualty lists up to 2,457,558.

After careful study, Hilaire Belloc has proved that the total given in the German casualty lists is much lower than the actual German losses. This, of course, applies to the Prussian lists as well as to all the others.

LT. E. COPEMAN KILLED; FARMED ON THIS ISLAND

London, March 28.—Lieut. Ernest Copeman, of the West Kents, who was killed in action, was the fourth son of Thomas Copeman, of Alysham, Norfolk. He was 27 years of age and was engaged, formerly in farming on Vancouver Island. He returned with another brother on the outbreak of war and enlisted as a private, subsequently obtaining a commission.

ANDES GETS CREDIT FOR SINKING GREIF

British Converted Cruiser Fought German Raider After Alcantara Disabled

A LIGHT CRUISER JOINED IN BATTLE

Andes Set Greif Afire Fore and Aft and Raider Blew Up

London, March 28.—The British converted cruiser Andes gave the credit for sinking the German raider Greif in the North Sea on February 23 in additional details of the battle published to-day. After the British armed merchantman Alcantara had engaged the Greif and had been rendered helpless by a shell which shattered her rudder, one of her consort, the Andes, appeared and made it impossible for the Greif to escape. Shells swept the deck of the German raider, driving the men from some of her guns. The raider fired several torpedoes, which the Andes escaped through skilful handling.

Cruiser Appeared.
While the craft were thus engaged a third British vessel, the light cruiser type, attracted by the sound of firing, appeared on the scene. Although at a great distance, the cruiser already had joined in the action, her gunners finding the range and hitting the Greif with remarkable precision.

But the Andes had the Greif afire fore and aft and the raider blew up with a terrific explosion, the theory being that she carried a cargo of mines which ignited when the fire reached them. The captain of the light cruiser congratulated the Andes and gave her the credit for sinking the Greif.

AMERICAN OFFICERS FEEL PESSIMISTIC

May Take Months to Dig Villa Bandits Out of Mountains

El Paso, March 28.—The pursuit of Pancho Villa may be hampered, if not actually halted, unless the Mexican railroads are made available, as the main line of communication with the American army now advancing into Mexico is over 200 miles from the border. Military men expressed their view to-day after studying dispatches from the front that Villa was still in full flight southward and meeting with little, if any, opposition.

Every mile that the Mexican bandit advances into the interior increases the difficulties of maintaining the already attenuated line of American communications.

Motor trucks are being pushed to the army base at Columbus, N. M., to help in keeping up the necessary movement of supplies to the field headquarters at a point near Casas Grandes. Every effort is being made to continue the line of transport in full operation over the rocky and sandy trails southward from Columbus until such time as the de facto government gives permission to use the railroads.

Pessimism Felt.
There is much pessimism in army circles over the prospects of capturing Villa, and it is felt that unless he is cornered within the week the bandit will have outrun his pursuers, and that months may elapse before the outlaw and his band can be ferreted out of their hiding places in the mountains. Dispatches from the advance flying columns pressing Villa closely make no mention of having come into contact with any of the bandit's men, and the American troops probably have yet to fire their first shot.

Juarez continues quiet and there has been a subsidence of reports that trouble impends along the border. The sound of shooting in the downtown section of El Paso early to-day aroused little attention as the streets were practically deserted. Five soldiers were taken in custody by the provost guard, charged with having fired the shots while intoxicated.

ALL IN THE FAMILY.

Amsterdam, March 28.—It is reported that Kaiser Wilhelm's son August is going to Belgium to assist General von Bissing, the military governor, whom it is believed he will eventually replace.

REGISTER NOW.

Those not on the existing lists, and who desire to cast their ballots at the next general election, should not fail to register at once. Liberal rooms, Arcade building, corner Broad and View Streets. Open day and night.

ASKS GERMANY IF SUBMARINE DID IT

Washington Invites Berlin to State Whether Undersea Craft Sank Sussex

NOT YET AT STAGE OF PROTEST OR DEMAND

Two Americans Swear S. S. Manchester Engineer Was Sunk Without Warning

Washington, March 28.—The United States has "inquired" of Germany through Ambassador Gerard whether any of its submarines torpedoed the British channel steamer Sussex. Secretary Lansing announced after the cabinet meeting to-day that it had been decided to make such an inquiry, and later it was learned that the inquiry had been made and in fact probably already is in Berlin.

The present status of the communication is that of an inquiry. It has not advanced to the stage of a protest or a demand.

Before the cabinet meeting to-day the state department had assembled all the evidence thus far received relating to the sinking of the steamship Englishman and the damaging of the Sussex by an explosion, with American citizens aboard.

All the Same.
While all the evidence at hand indicates that the steamships were torpedoed without warning with the probable loss of one American life on the Englishman and injuries to several Americans on the Sussex, President Wilson is awaiting with concern receipt of positive proof before taking any definite action. It is said he is seriously considering laying the whole submarine situation before congress personally.

Ambassador von Bernstorff, who has been away for several days, was due to return to-day and it was expected he would consult with Secretary Lansing over the situation.

Situation Grave.
While cabinet members declared the situation grave, they took the position that a break with Germany was not an immediate prospect. It was said, however, that if Germany admitted torpedoing the Sussex a situation would be brought about which would be most serious.

Cabinet members agreed that the decision would depend much upon Germany's reply to the American inquiry. Should Germany deny that one of her submarines had attacked the Sussex the American government would reach its conclusion from the evidence now being collected by its diplomatic representatives abroad.

In Line With Policy.
Cabinet members said the decision to make an inquiry of Germany was in line with the policy of collecting all the information before a decision was reached.

Should Germany admit the attack but claim the submarine commander exceeded his orders, officials believed that would be regarded as evidence that it was impracticable for submarine commanders to attempt to distinguish between armed and unarmed vessels. The possibility that the attack on the Sussex might lead to a general clearing up of the submarine issue was discussed at the cabinet meeting.

Without Warning.
London, March 28.—Two American citizens, Arthur McKenzie, of Savannah, Ga., and Tom Fifer, of Delaware, who were on the British steamship Manchester Engineer, have made affidavits before the American consul that the steamship was torpedoed without notice, according to a Central News dispatch from Queenstown to-day.

GERARD INSTRUCTED TO GATHER FACTS ABOUT ENGLISHMAN

Washington, March 28.—Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin, has been instructed to gather information as to whether a German submarine attacked the horseship Englishman, in the sinking of which an American life was lost. He probably will make informal inquiries of the German government.

BRITISH MADE RAID EAST OF THE SUEZ

London, March 28.—According to reports received here to-day, British airmen made a successful raid on the Turkish advanced base at Bir-El-Hassanah, some distance east of the Suez canal. The aviators are reported to have dropped 40 bombs, doing extensive damage.

POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.

Washington, March 28.—By a vote of ten to nine the House Judiciary committee to-day voted to postpone indefinitely consideration of all suffrage and prohibition proposals now before it.

BOWSER SPENDING TWO DOLLARS FOR ONE OF REVENUE

Again Financing for a Deficit; Falling Receipts But Expenditure Goes Up; Difference Will Be Over Five Million Dollars in Next Twelve Months; Budget Speech Delivered.

Legislative Press Gallery, March 27.

In the fiscal year which commences on Saturday next the Bowser government plans to spend two dollars for every one that comes into the treasury.

The era of extravagance which has been cursing this province since 1909 reaches a climax in the expenditure proposed to be made in the next twelve months. It is true that in 1912-13-14 there was spent one-third as much more as is now planned, but the revenue was more than double what it is expected to be next fiscal year.

The estimates brought down in the House this afternoon call for the expenditure of \$11,301,374.86. The estimated revenue to meet this is \$5,944,015.13, so that the government is at its old game of estimating for a deficit, which will be \$5,357,359 if the estimates are borne out. There is no doubt that they will be so far as the expenditure is concerned—for is it not a general election year?—but the indications are that the revenue will be less than estimated.

CADORNA HAS SEEN EFFORTS BRITAIN IS PUTTING FORTH

London, March 28.—The war office to-day issued a statement giving the farewell message sent by Lieut.-Gen. Count Cadorna, chief of the Italian general staff, as he was leaving England after his brief visit to attend the entente conference in Paris. Count Cadorna telegraphed to Earl Kitchener:

"I have been able to appreciate the grand and wonderful efforts Great Britain is making for the cause of the allies. Your belief in victory also is my own."

ADVISES AGAINST HOLDING MEETING

Redmond Urges No Protest Be Made in Ireland Against Taxation

London, March 28.—John Redmond, leader of the Irish party, in a letter addressed to a prominent Nationalist, advises against the holding of a public meeting to protest against further taxation in Ireland. Such action, he says, is characterized as "an Irish constitutionalist movement" by men who are hostile to the Irish party, "men neither pro-German nor opposed to recruiting in Ireland, and committed to the monstrous doctrine that Ireland should remain neutral in this war."

Such an agitation, Mr. Redmond says, is mischievous and dishonest, and he advises the Irish people to have confidence that their leaders will see that they get just taxation.

Ireland's highest interest is speedy victory in this war. The men who seek to prejudice Ireland in the eyes of the world by making a ridiculous claim for exemption from war taxes are the very men who, by their apathy, their so-called neutrality, their hostility to recruiting, and their pro-Germanism, are doing their best to prolong the war.

HOW THE NEW GERMAN MOUNTAIN OF PAPER HAS BEEN BUILT UP

Berlin, March 28.—The amount of subscriptions thus far entered on the records for the fourth German war loan is 10,667,000,000 marks (\$2,666,750,000). Of this total 7,106,000,000 marks (\$1,776,500,000) are subscriptions to the loan, 1,999,000,000 marks (\$499,750,000) are subscriptions to the registered loan, and 1,562,000,000 marks (\$390,500,000) are subscriptions to the treasury bonds.

DR. ELLA SYNGE TO HOSPITAL IN KENT

London, March 28.—Dr. Ella Syngé, well known in Western Canada, who was superintendent of a hospital in Serbia, has received an appointment to Joyce hospital, Kent.

There is but too much reason to think so in view of the experience of the past two years. For the year 1914-15 the estimated revenue was to be \$10,048,915, but the actual receipts from all sources were \$7,674,496. With these figures as a guide the Minister of Finance last session made an estimate of a revenue in the year just closing of \$7,034,615, although even then he asked for appropriations of four millions in excess of that amount. The receipts up to December 31 were \$4,828,454, and if this rate was kept up to the present there should be a total revenue on Friday night of \$5,450,000. As a matter of fact, on the same basis, the revenue of last fiscal year was nearly one million dollars short of what the receipts up to November 30 would have led one to expect.

It is to be noted that while the revenue, estimated and prospective, for the year that is coming is less than for the year closing, the expenditure for 1916-17 is \$138,000 more than in the current year. There has been some paring at services where the pruning knife should not be applied, such as education, while in the gigantic public works vote there is a cut of a paltry \$44,000. Other services, on the contrary, have increased enormously.

Ordinary Expenditures.

These estimates, it should be remembered, are only for ordinary expenditures as at the present time. If there is a loan of one million at six per cent. for agricultural aid it will mean another sixty thousand dollars to the vote for the public debt. A shipbuilding programme will also add to the liabilities of the province. The Pacific Great Eastern bond interest apparently will require \$316,000 every six months, and there is the Canadian Northern Pacific guarantee of which no one seems to know anything. To meet the continuing deficits a new loan will be necessary, and this will add but another quarter million or more to the annual fixed charges for public debt. So the burden on the taxpayers is piled up without thought by the government for the people.

By services the expenditure estimated for the coming and the present fiscal years is as follows:—

	1916-17.	1915-16.
Public debt	\$1,422,254.11	\$1,182,376.81
Civil govt. salaries	1,687,738.99	1,709,566.08
Admin. justice sala.	67,428.02	65,100.00
Legislation	167,882.99	28,820.00
Public institutions	472,575.00	467,428.00
Hospitals and charities	525,800.00	374,100.00
Admin. justice	308,670.00	378,000.00
Education	1,324,300.00	1,594,000.00
Transport	42,000.00	85,000.00
Agriculture	175,600.00
Revenue services	25,000.00	50,000.00
Public works—		
Works and buildings	606,900.00	507,000.00
Roads, streets, bridges, wharves	2,355,800.00	2,459,000.00
Subsidies, ferries and bridges	115,000.00	78,150.00
Miscellaneous	44,650.00	27,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,291,381.75	2,128,752.43
Dept. of lands	965,300.00
	\$11,301,374.86	\$11,183,006.11

Civil Government Vote.

The civil government vote, even with a number of branches brought in which formerly were under "miscellaneous," shows a slight decrease. There are still to be found, however, votes for salaries and temporary assistance which bring the expenditure on this service up to two million dollars. In addition to the general vote for temporary assistance of \$25,000 there are other votes of the same character under branches of the land department which aggregate \$51,000, and besides

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NEW ZEALAND GOVT. HAS PLANS UNDER WAY

Ship to Meet Aurora; Supplies to the Shackleton Party

London, March 28.—The government of New Zealand already has plans under way to dispatch aid to the imperilled Antarctic expedition of Sir Ernest Shackleton. A dispatch from Wellington states that official plans to send a relief ship to the assistance of the auxiliary steamer Aurora have been made. Other plans to get supplies to Sir Ernest Shackleton are progressing. Officials in Wellington believe a ship should be sent out immediately to meet the Aurora.

More optimism is felt here to-day that Sir Ernest and his men as well as the party left behind at the Ross Sea base by the Aurora when she was carried away by the ice, will survive. With the stores put ashore for the Aurora's party before the ship was carried away and food left behind by the second Scott expedition, it is believed that the Shackleton party will survive if help is sent reasonably soon.

Lady Shackleton is most optimistic. She said to-day:

"Relief must be dispatched at the earliest possible moment. The Shackleton party has food, but the men must need clothing. I am hopeful about my husband. He never will give in. I expect to hear from the Endurance at any moment."

The Endurance is the three-masted vessel in which Sir Ernest and his party sailed from Buenos Ayres and which was to start back after landing them from their transcontinental exploration expedition. A dispatch to the Times from Buenos Ayres says that the Endurance is expected at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, within a fortnight.

MUST LEAVE IRELAND.

Dublin, March 28.—It is stated that the military authorities have served an expulsion order on A. Monahan, of Galway, organizer of Sinn Fein volunteers. He is commanded to leave Ireland within six days.

Similar notices were served to-day on E. D. Blythe and William Rellows. They were arrested on Sunday and now are in the detention barracks.

RUSSIANS MADE GAIN IN POSTAWY REGION

Czar's Troops Took Two Lines of Trenches After Violent Fighting

Petrograd, March 28.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"Western front: The fighting continues to the west and south of the Augustinof front, in the Jacobstad region.

"German aeroplanes are making more frequent flights along the entire Dvinsk front. Twenty bombs have been thrown into Dvinsk.

"Our troops captured two lines of enemy trenches after desperate fighting in the region to the northwest of Postawy. Our offensive in the district between Lakes Narotch and Wichnewskoe has encountered obstinate resistance.

"The enemy bombarded the station and Koidanowo, southwest of Minsk. Along the remainder of the front hostilities are developing.

"In the Black Sea, one of our submarines, under fire of the Zungulak batteries, sank a steamer towing some loaded coal barges which was approaching shore.

"On the Caucasus front, in the sea, our troops dislodged the Turks who crossed to the left bank of the River Balich-Darassi, which enters the Black sea near the village of Balatich.

"In the other sectors we continue to progress."

DEMAND YUAN SHI KAI BE SENT INTO EXILE

Six Revolting Provinces Want His Advisers Tried and Executed

San Francisco, March 28.—An ultimatum demanding the resignation and exile of Yuan Shi Kai and the trial and execution of his advisers has been handed to the Yuan Shi Kai government by the military governors of six revolting provinces, according to cable advices to-day from revolutionary leaders in China to the Chinese Republic Association here.

The ultimatum contains five demands, according to the advices:

1. That Yuan Shi Kai resign at a fixed date and leave China.
2. That twelve "traitors" (named) be tried and, if found guilty of conspiring against the republic, be executed.
3. That Yuan Shi Kai's property and the property of the twelve "traitors" be confiscated to indemnify the revolutionary party.
4. That Yuan Shi Kai's descendants for three generations forfeit their rights of citizenship.
5. That the separate provinces be given control of army units and arsenals.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, March 28.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

First Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. J. J. Duckett, England.

Wounded: Pte. Herbert Spar, England.

Second Battalion—Slightly wounded: Pte. I. A. Scott, Savage Mills, Que.

Seventh Battalion—Wounded: Pte. J. W. Harris, Alabama; Pte. J. F. Hagen, Hobe River, P. E. I.

Tenth Battalion—Wounded: Cpl. F. A. Massey, Oxbow, Sask.; Pte. E. A. Mitchell, Lake Hill P. O., Victoria, B. C.

Thirteenth Battalion—Dangerously wounded: Pte. W. A. Nickerson, Shelburne, N. S.

Fifteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Fred Barstow, Haliburton, P. E. I.

Previously reported missing; killed in action April 30: Pte. Arno Jacksch, Meaford, Ont.

Eighteenth Battalion—Wounded: Sgt. G. S. Crobble, Oil Springs, Ont.

Twenty-second Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. G. Kervat, Montreal.

Severely wounded: Pte. J. Gagnon, Montreal.

Twenty-seventh Battalion—Slightly wounded: Pte. W. J. Light, Ottawa, B. C.

Twenty-eighth Battalion—Killed in action: Lieut. Cpl. G. S. Turner, Davis, Sask.

Forty-second Battalion—Slightly wounded: Pte. J. W. Eastart, Ireland.

Forty-third Battalion—Slightly wounded: Pte. M. Macleod, Scotland.

Accidentally wounded: Pte. I. McIntyre, Scotland.

Fifty-second Battalion—Slightly wounded: Pte. H. Lines, Canmar, Sask.

Royal Canadian Regiment—Killed: Pte. J. Mulloy, address not given.

First Pioneer Battalion—Wounded: Pte. F. Jacqueland, Comau, H.H., N. S.

Second Pioneer Battalion—Slightly wounded: Pte. Silvino G. Gaudet, Memphracks, West, N. B.

Third Pioneer Battalion—Shell wound: Pte. Ernest Perreault, Hull, Que.

Wounded: Lieut. Cpl. Samuel Frank D. Roe, 121 Chapman street, Victoria, B. C.

First Machine Gun Company—Wounded: Pte. Robert Clarkson, Fort William, Ont.

PRIZE BOUNTY.

London, March 28.—Sir Samuel Evans, president of the prize court, yesterday awarded the officers and crew of the British auxiliary cruiser Carmania £1,115 as prize bounty for the sinking of the German auxiliary cruiser Cap Trafalgar in South American waters in September, 1914. This is the first application heard in the prize court for prize bounty.

F. L. Haynes means watchmaker and jeweler.

AMENDMENT MOVED BY BENNETT CARRIED

Action of Commons on Prohibition; Question of Technical Education

Ottawa, March 28.—Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning the Stevens-Macell resolution calling for Dominion-wide prohibition was disposed of in the House by the adoption of an amendment moved by R. B. Bennett, Conservative, Calgary, on a division of 67 to 46, a majority in favor of the Bennett amendment of 21.

Mr. Bennett's amendment is in line with the government bill introduced by Hon. C. J. Doherty the other day, and declares that when prohibition has been decided upon by a province, the transportation or importation of liquor into that province for purposes contrary to the provincial law is forbidden.

The division was the most interesting of the session. Six Conservatives voted against the amendment. They were: H. H. Stevens, Vancouver; W. Wright, Muskoka, Ont.; Andrew Broder, Dundas, Ont.; H. Ashim, Labelle, Que.; C. J. Thornton, Durham, Ont.; and Geo. Fowler, King's, N. B.

On the other hand, four Liberals voted for the amendment. They were: Geo. McCreaney, Saskatoon; Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux; Edmond Proulx, Prescott, Ont.; and E. Fortier, Lotbiniere, Que.

The division was preceded by an interesting debate.

Technical Education.

The debate on the temperance resolution was not commenced until 10 o'clock in the evening. From early in the afternoon until that hour the House debated the motion introduced by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, declaring that effect should be given to the report of the royal commission which inquired into the question of technical education.

Hon. T. W. Crothers declined to accept the resolution. He said that the purpose of the commission had been to secure information for the provinces, and it had not been intended that it should make recommendations.

At the evening sitting Hon. Robert Rogers, in asking Mr. Lemieux to withdraw the resolution, said that the government was in favor of the principle of assistance to technical education. Under different conditions from those now prevailing a large sum in all probability would have been provided. Mr. Lemieux suggested by way of amendment a resolution endorsing the general principle that measures should be taken as soon as possible to keep up with the provinces in promoting technical education and manual training.

Mr. Rogers still thought that the resolution should be withdrawn, as the government would require time to consider this proposal, and Mr. Lemieux finally agreed not to press the matter to a vote.

ITALIANS GAINED BY COUNTER-ATTACK

Advantage Lay With Them After Austrian Attack at Val Piccolo

Rome, March 28.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"The artillery duel was renewed on Saturday in the zone of Rovereto and the upper Astico. Enemy troop movements in the Astico valley and trains arriving at the Caldazano station were shelled repeatedly by our artillery.

"After intense artillery preparations the enemy attacked in force our position on Val Piccolo and succeeded in occupying the trench. Our violent counter-attack, which was launched along the whole front from Monte Croce to Val Grande, brought into our possession enemy outposts at Sella, Freikofel, and the Cavallo pass, where we took 63 prisoners, including three officers.

"At Val Piccolo the combat was a bitter one, lasting 30 hours. After six furious attacks, our infantry charged with the bayonet the position previously lost, and won back all of it. Hundreds of the bodies of the enemy remain on the ground.

Artillery Duels.

"Along the remainder of the front there have been artillery duels, which were particularly violent on the heights northwest of Gorizia.

"This morning groups of enemy aircraft flew over the plain between the Isonzo and Piave in an attempt to hinder our communications and damage bridges. The attempt failed completely. Forced to remain at a great height by our artillery fire, the aircraft threw some dozens of bombs without killing anyone or damaging anything.

"Our artillery brought down one machine near Ajello, and a seaplane in the Grado lagoon, while a third machine was shot by rifle fire near the Priula bridge. One of the enemy aviators, a major commanding this squadron, was killed. Five others were made prisoners."

Vienna, March 28.—The following official statement was issued last night:

"At the Gorizia bridgehead our troops captured a whole enemy position before the northern part of Podgora heights. They took 25 prisoners, including three officers."

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TRENCHES CAPTURED BY BRITISH FORCES

First and Second Lines on 600-Yard Front at St. Eloi Taken

London, March 28.—British infantry yesterday stormed and took the German first and second line trenches along a front of 600 yards at St. Eloi, south of Ypres. The text of the official statement issued last night follows:

"This morning, after exploding mines, infantry of the Northumberland Fusiliers and Royal Fusiliers assaulted the German salient at St. Eloi, successfully taking first and second line trenches on a front of about 600 yards. Heavy casualties are known to have been caused the enemy. Two officers and 168 men were made prisoners.

"The artillery activity to-day has been confined mainly to the neighborhood of Angres, Wulverghem, St. Eloi and Wellet.

"Last night and to-day there has been much mining activity. At La Boisselle we successfully exploded a mine. To the south of Neuville-St. Vaast and near the Hohenzollern road there was crater fighting, in which we were successful.

"Opposite Hulluch the enemy exploded mines last night, damaging our trenches and causing some casualties. We are established in the craters formed by the explosion."

Enemy Attack Failed.

Paris, March 28.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"Between the Somme and the Aisne, in the neighborhood of Maucourt, after an intense bombardment, the Germans attempted a sudden attack on one of our first line trenches, but this completely failed.

"In the Argonne the activity of our artillery continued at various points along the enemy front, especially in the sector of the Cheppy wood. Our long range guns shelled troops moving in the direction of Exermont Chatelet and exploded ammunition depots.

"West of the Meuse the bombardment was quite intense on our front comprising Bethincourt, Le Mort Homme and Cumières, as well as east of the Meuse, in the region of Vaux and Donaumont.

"There was some artillery fighting in the Weverre. No infantry action occurred.

"Northeast of St. Mihiel we bombarded at long range the station and enemy establishments at Coudicourt."

BRITISH STEAMSHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE

London, March 28.—The British steamship Manchester Engineer, from Philadelphia, March 11, for Manchester, was sunk, according to information received by Lloyd's. The members of her crew were taken on board a tug.

The Central News says that the Manchester Engineer was torpedoed yesterday by a German submarine. It was first supposed the vessel was not severely damaged, but she foundered while making for port in tow.

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Professor of Athens University
Makes Plain Greece
Broke Faith

Paris, March 28.—M. Leon Maccas, LL.D., of the University of Athens, has replied to the letter sent by Prince Nicholas of Greece to the Temps. Dr. Maccas's reply, which also takes the form of a letter to that paper, while abstaining from a detailed comment on the prince's letter, cites undeniable facts which he considers justify the attitude of the numerous Hellenes who condemn the policy pursued by the Greek government. The first of these facts is the incontestable violation of the Greco-Serbian treaty.

Cannot Stand.

All arguments tending to disprove this cannot stand against the revelation which I am about to make through the columns of your valuable paper. Dr. Maccas says: "I can affirm, in the most categorical fashion that the treaty, and by no means the exclusively Balkan character which it has suited some people to give it. The Greeks who negotiated the treaty hesitated for a period of three months before affixing their signature, because they did not want to consent to the clause which was demanded by Serbia, which provided that Greece should aid her ally in the eventuality of her being attacked by a third power. The Greek hesitation was caused by the fear that, should this clause be accepted, it would, at a given moment, draw Greece into a conflict with Austria-Hungary. But when, in May, 1913, Bulgaria treacherously attacked one of our divisions on Mt. Panghalon, the Bulgarian danger appeared so imminent, and the help of Serbia so necessary, that M. Venizelos exerted all his influence with King Constantine to induce his majesty to accept the insertion of the clause demanded by Serbia. A ministerial council was called for the purpose on May 16-25, 1913, in the royal palace of Athens. The king was in the chair and M. Venizelos made the following statement, which speaks for his diplomatic foresight:

"The Bulgarian danger is imminent; on the other hand, the danger which would threaten us from the adoption of the clause asked for by Serbia is far distant. The day on which Austria attacks Serbia, Russia will intervene, and this will mean a European war. On that day, since Greece will be obliged to place herself on the side of the entente, the promise which she makes now will not hinder her then."

Knew When He Accepted.

The king agreed with his minister's point of view; he therefore accepted, with a perfect knowledge of the situation, the obligations which were being assumed by Greece lying outside of the Balkan sphere. On May 21-June 3, 1913, the Greco-Serbian treaty containing the clause demanded by Greece was signed by M. Venizelos.

"It will be seen from this, as well as from the fact that on October 5, 1915, the day of M. Venizelos's final resignation, the armed forces prepared to help the Greek army, should she intervene, numbered 142,000 men (120,000 Serbs, 15,000 French and 7,000 British)—that is to say, only 8,000 short of the number stipulated by the treaty to be contributed by Serbia—that no legal argument can excuse the Greek desertion in October last.

Bulgaria Knew.

"The second fact," continues Dr. Maccas, "is of a political nature and is equally beyond question: Bulgaria never would have attacked Serbia unless she had been certain of the neutrality of Greece. M. Naoum, the Greek minister in Sofia, can certainly testify to this; for he knows that, simultaneously with M. Venizelos's telegram inviting him to make it known to the Sofia cabinet that Greece would not tolerate Bulgarian aggression against Serbia, he received from M. Radoslavoff the categorical affirmation that Greece would remain neutral, and that consequently Bulgarian liberty of action in the Balkans was complete.

"It is, therefore, undeniable," concludes Dr. Maccas, "that the Athens government is legally and politically responsible for the defeat of Serbia and for the destruction of the Balkan equilibrium to the detriment of Greece. How can those who are aware of this crushing responsibility resting with the Greek partisans of neutrality give their confidence to a government which assumed this view light-heartedly and which does not even benefit by the attenuating circumstance of being constitutional?"

RUMOR IN WASHINGTON
KITCHENER ON SUSSEX

New York, March 28.—The Sun to-day prints the following dispatch from Washington:

"There is an unconfirmed report here that Earl Kitchener, British secretary of state for war, was a passenger on the Sussex and that his presence aboard the Channel packet may have some connection with the attempt to destroy the vessel."

"It is known that Earl Kitchener arrived in Paris yesterday to attend the entente-war council. Press dispatches refer to a prominent personage who was among the passengers on the Sussex and whose name the London correspondents were not permitted to mention."

GERMAN VESSEL SUNK.

Copenhagen, March 28.—The small German steamer Greta struck a mine and sank outside Gdansk, with the loss of about ten lives.

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London, March 28.—H. Warner Allen,

the special representative of the British press with the French army, describes the mining methods of warfare in use on the western front. To the west of Hill 140, he says, on the heights of La Folie Wood, and farther south, for days past an incessant duel has been going on. Sometimes the guns break into sudden activity, sometimes the rattle of a machine gun cuts the silence for a few minutes, but generally speaking there is little sound to show how fiercely the battle is raging underground. Night and day the enemy is burrowing and pushing forward his saps, trying to gain a few yards of ground in the heavy clay soil, while the French, on their side, try to bar his progress with counter-mines and camouflaged galleries without breaking the surface, and in their turn tunnel farther and farther towards the German lines. The soil is sodden, and to prevent it from collapsing on the sappers, constant shoring-up is necessary.

Silent Work.

Every ear must be vigilant for the slightest sound of the enemy's approach; his purpose must be divined and everything done so silently as to give no warning. The men must often lie flat on their faces or their backs for hours at a time, unable to turn over. A time comes when the French and the German burrows are almost in contact. The look-out men listen for the smallest sound of tapping on the enemy's side. Calculations are made as to the position of the enemy's sap. Then, with the utmost precaution, a hole is made with a crowbar in the wall of earth between the two excavations.

On one occasion three sappers were working on silently, when suddenly one of them stopped with a warning word. The earth sounded hollow under his pickaxe. Very cautiously a number of little blows drove his pickaxe downwards until the point passed into nothingness. There could be no doubt that there was a German sap immediately under the tunnel that the three men were digging. With every precaution they widened the hole until it was large enough for one of them to pass, and a man slipped down into the darkness below. His inspection was brief. The German mine was empty and unguarded. For some reason or other it had been abandoned by the Boche sappers.

French Took Crater.

The French soldier returned and reported to his captain, who at once called up all the men he could spare to fill the German tunnel with explosives. The enemy's trench was torn to pieces, and a few minutes later the

huge crater produced was in French hands. Sometimes, with the aid of sand-bags, one of these enormous holes will be converted into what is really an advanced fortress right outside the main lines.

Parallel Trenches.

Describing the French "parallel" trenches, Mr. Allen continues: "A hundred yards behind the advanced trench there lies a second trench, accurately following its course and united to it by a number of communication trenches. If one takes any given German position one finds first, in close proximity to the French lines a firing trench. Behind these firing trenches and parallel to them lies a second trench, which is the 'trenches de dedoublement.' These two trenches must be taken together as the advanced line, and they are regularly held in very small force, since they are always subject to being carried by a sudden attack.

Between 400 and 500 yards behind this position there lies another and far more important line of trenches, which is known sometimes as 'the counter-attack trench' and sometimes as 'the retirement trench.' It is at this position that one is at what is really the first position. Advanced trenches can be carried at many points by either side with comparatively little difficulty, since their capture is a mere incident, and they are regularly held, as has been said, with a minimum number of men.

Serious Only Then.

An advance begins to be serious only when it has reached the counter-attack trench, and even then, until all the subsidiary trenches in the rear have been captured, such progress may prove to be more futile than dangerous to the enemy. In the sieges of the middle ages it not infrequently proved a costly blunder to capture a particular tower or a particular piece of wall; it was only when the whole castle was carried that the word 'victory' could be pronounced.

In the great battle in Champagne last September the French succeeded in carrying not only the advanced lines, but also the counter-attack trenches and all the fortifications connected with them which form the modern equivalent of a medieval castle. It was only when they had broken through some two miles of earth-works that they were able to announce that a breach had been made in the first German line of defence. In Artois the German advance was to be counted in yards, and even the greater part of that has not been maintained. What they gained was some feebly held outworks of no tactical significance; they did not reach the outer wall of the real defence.

TRYING TO BELITTLE
RUSSIAN OPERATIONS

Berlin, March 28.—Only outpost skirmishes have occurred in Galicia in the last few days and the victorious results by the Russians in the Dniester region were not gained over large bodies of Austrian troops, says a report from the war office at Vienna. The statement, under date of March 27, follows:

"The engagements near Latatch, on the Dniester, described in Russian reports were merely vanguard skir-

mishes. Austro-Hungarian reconnoitring detachments withdrew to the main positions when strong Russian forces advanced. During the last week the Russians have attempted no attack against the main army of General Pfangner.

Italian front.—Italian artillery shelled the Doberdo Heights and the Felik district as well as some points on the Tyrol front. East of Ploeken Pass Austro-Hungarians captured an Italian position. Attacks of the enemy in the Sugana valley were repulsed."

PRESBYTERIANS BRING
STUDENTS FROM STATES

Toronto, March 28.—Owing to enlistments, many United States students will have to be brought to Canada to fill Presbyterian home mission stations this year. The following appointments have been made to the British Columbia Presbytery:

Kootenay—G. E. Wood, H. Wallace, A. Sinclair, Charles Arner, Theo. P. Smith, P. S. Grimstead, J. V. Wright, D. T. McIntosh.

Kamloops—Rev. C. Brown, F. G. Willey, R. Williams, W. J. Anderson, John Murdoch, J. William Campbell.

Westminster—W. J. Cameron, T. E. Grant, J. Y. McGlockin, N. D. Patterson, A. D. Pringle.

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GERMANS LOSING FAITH
IN THEIR ZEPPELINS

Milan, March 28.—News has been received from military circles in Rome that Germany intends to diminish her production of Zeppelins, having realized that the idea of conveying large bodies of troops to England is a dangerous illusion and that the military value of Zeppelins is extremely limited. The fact that they can be reached by anti-aircraft guns has caused great disappointment.

There is a strong tendency among technical experts to abandon the construction of the Zeppelin altogether, or to limit the number considerably.

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CARSON MAY TRY TO
FORM A NEW PARTY

Enjoying Good Health Once
More; What the London
Post Says

London, March 28.—The morning newspapers give prominence to the announcement that Sir Edward Carson is restored to health and that he will mark his return to parliament by presiding over the Conservative party's war committee.

The Morning Post believes Sir Edward intends to form and lead an opposition to the coalition government. The newspaper wishes him success in the venture and says:

"Nobody can say the country is satisfied with the way it is being governed. The coalition still has an obedient parliament and the whole power of the nation at its back, but it is so weak that it exists only because no alternative has yet been organized. We attribute the debility of the coalition government to the fact that it has never embodied the spirit of the British people. How can a nation show confidence in a government which has never shown any confidence in itself? The nation is conscious of a certain lack of leadership."

WILL SEND RELIEF
SHIP TO ROSS SEA

London, March 28.—The London directors of the Shackleton Antarctic expedition have decided to send a relief expedition to Ross Sea to rescue the stranded members of the party who were left when the Aurora drifted away in an ice pack. They cannot decide on sending a relief ship to the Weddell Sea base, from which the Shackleton expedition started on its trip across the ice fields surrounding the pole until they have heard from the steamship Endeavour whether the party is aboard or ashore.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Sydney telegraphs: "Sir Douglas Mawson, the noted geographer, who in 1908 was appointed to the scientific staff of Sir Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expedition, emphasizes the absence of messages from Shackleton since he started. Remarking on the aerograms from whalers, Sir Douglas questions whether Shackleton ever got beyond the pole in view of the enormous difficulties of the enterprise."

TWO BURNED.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 28.—An unidentified man and woman were incinerated to-day and a number were injured in a fire which destroyed the Foster apartments here. Bessie Reiner, a waitress, declared a masked man had entered her room through a window, gagged and bound her and then set the adjoining room on fire.

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AWAY THEY GO!

The budget for the year 1916-17 introduced in the legislature is sheer insanity. There is nothing like it anywhere else in the British Empire, thank heaven, or in any other state in the world. In the midst of a great war which is straining to the utmost the financial resources of the whole Empire; with a sharply diminishing revenue, a rapidly increasing debt, a population which, according to the government's own reports, has declined one hundred thousand in the last three years, the administration proposes to spend during the next twelve months over \$3,000,000 more than it expects to receive in revenue, the anticipated deficit alone being more than the whole expenditure of any other province in Canada with the exception of the expenditures of Ontario and Quebec. While great statesmen and publicists everywhere are preaching retrenchment and thrift, while Sir Thomas White, Sir George Foster, Baron Shaughnessy, all the bank presidents and captains of industry in Canada are urging the people to live within their means, the Bowser administration is spending the public money like a drunken sailor, piling debt upon debt and laying upon the province a burden which will be a millstone around its neck for generations. It is going to "blow in" two dollars for every dollar it receives, which means that it will have to borrow another \$15,000,000, for which our taxpayers will pay through the nose.

It will be British Columbia's sixth consecutive deficit. The following list tells the painful story of the orgy of extravagance which began in this country after the retirement of the Hon. R. G. Tatlow, and which still goes on:

	Revenue	Expenditure
1911-12	\$1,671,762	\$1,988,240
1912-13	1,430,027	1,528,845
1913-14	1,338,381	1,503,123
1914-15	1,871,375	1,213,109
1915-16 (estimated)	1,804,615	1,163,006
1916-17 (estimated)	5,544,915	11,394,214

The total of the deficits shown above exceeds \$23,000,000. We know what those recorded to date have done. They have wiped out a bank balance of more than \$8,000,000 and sent us to the money market for a loan of \$10,000,000. And we shall have to borrow much more than that to square the deficit of last year and the year upon which we now are entering, and to meet other obligations.

But that is not all. Mr. Bowser intends to lend the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company \$6,500,000, \$1,000,000 of which will be for interest charges and the remainder for construction. This, of course, is not provided for in the estimated expenditure. It will have to be borrowed by the province. Thus it is a foregone conclusion that the government of British Columbia during the next twelve months will increase the public debt by \$15,000,000, running it up to some \$35,000,000. And what will we have to show for it? What have we to show for the gigantic expenditures of the last five years with their \$17,000,000 of deficits? The taxpayers will find the answer in their own pockets.

SIR RICHARD'S PICNIC.

Among the items in the estimates for the year ending March 31, 1917, is the following: "Salary of Agent-General, including clerical assistance, advertising, etc., 12 months to 31st March, 1917, \$35,000." This, we presume, covers the \$15,000 salary. It is proposed to pay to Sir Richard McBride, a salary, \$5,000 greater than the remuneration received by Sir George Perley, the Canadian High Commissioner, \$2,000 greater than that received by Sir Robert Borden and twice as large as that received by the Agent-General of any other state in the empire. The item evidently does not include the \$5,000 bonus or the \$6,000 pension to be paid to Mr. Turner. That, we presume, will be fixed by statute. Nor does it include the maintenance of the new building. This probably is provided for

in another item of \$175,000 which appears elsewhere in the statement. Thus will Sir Richard McBride be rewarded out of the pockets of the people of British Columbia for his share in the wreck of their prosperity. Mr. Bowser and his crew hope to gain their reward by purchasing five years' more retention of office at the expense of the public credit. That would give them ample time in which to create as luxurious a haven of ultimate refuge as that which now accommodates Sir Richard McBride. As for the taxpayers—they only will have to pay.

WHY WE PAY.

Explaining the payment by the province of \$316,000 in interest on the bonds of the Pacific Great Eastern, the Minister of Finance said:

"Under the contract with the government the Pacific Great Eastern Company should pay this interest, but owing to the state of the market, which rendered it impossible to sell their bonds, it could not meet the interest due. Had default in the payment of this interest been made it would have been very damaging to the credit of the province and to the financing of the railway in future."

In other words, those astute statesmen, Sir Richard McBride and William John Bowser, have tied the credit of the people of British Columbia to that of the railway company so inextricably that whatever the latter is in difficulties the former must pay whether they are bound by the agreement to do so or not. Mr. Campbell gives us the state assurance that we are amply protected; we have the personal covenant of Foley, Welch & Stewart. But the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart is one of the strongest on the continent. Its members are very wealthy men. There are not half a dozen taxpayers in the province with nearly such powerful financial affiliations. Yet we must go into debt to pay their interest bill.

The minister's explanation of the Canadian Northern Pacific situation is novel, to say the least. It is to the effect that as the Dominion Government has a second mortgage on the road as security for the \$45,000,000 advanced by it, it would pay the interest on the \$45,000,000 guaranteed by this province if the company defaulted. The minister calmly overlooks the fact that the Dominion Government is secured by a mortgage on the whole main line of the transcontinental and also holds the equivalent of the advance in the company's stock. More than that, if it undertook to meet British Columbia's obligations it would be expected to meet those of all the other provinces, and the federal government is running into debt at the rate of several hundred million dollars a year as it is, without tackling anybody else's load. By the end of the present year the nation's debt will be in the neighborhood of a billion. Mr. Campbell's theory is as unique as the assurance given by Mr. Bowser in 1912. That minister said then that the bondholders for the prairie section of the Canadian Northern would pay British Columbia's interest rather than see the road lose its connection with tidewater!

THE PRODIGAL SON.

The population of British Columbia is about 400,000. The population of Ontario is nearly 3,000,000, and that of Quebec about 2,400,000. Yet our annual expenditure exceeds that of either of the two most populous provinces in the Dominion, which budget for surpluses while we budget for deficits of many millions. The population of Manitoba is about 500,000, but its annual outlay is only one-half of that of British Columbia. We spend more than Manitoba and Saskatchewan combined, and they have over a million inhabitants. We are spending more per capita than the Dominion government, apart from the war, and the Ottawa budget has been criticized on all sides on the ground of extravagance. Last year the total expenditure of the Dominion, on everything, aside from the war, and including heavy capital outlays, was \$165,000,000 against a revenue of \$170,000,000. If Sir Thomas White had spent two dollars for every dollar received as Mr. Bowser proposes to do, the outlay would have been \$340,000,000.

What is Mr. Bowser's motive in burning the candle at both ends at this most critical juncture in the history of the country, when all our financial resources should be conserved for the period of reconstruction following the war? It is purely Bowserian. He thinks he can buy his way into power, that he can bribe the people with their own money. Millions are to be literally thrown away in order that Bowser shall sit in majesty across James Bay. The significance of the recent by-elections in Vancouver and Victoria is beyond him. The fact that ethical considerations governed the verdict of the electors cannot penetrate into his consciousness. He still believes that every constituency has its price and the only interpretation he seems to be able to place upon the results of his recent luckless ventures is that he did not promise enough; he did not provide his machine with sufficient sinews of war. Mr. Bowser is wholly mistaken in his appraisal of the character of the electors. The simple truth is that they do

not want him or his works. They are as much opposed to Bowserism as the people of Manitoba were against Rogersism and for identically the same reason. They believe that no country can prosper on sound lines under the methods to which he is wedded, and his present budget will confirm their belief. Is there a private business in Canada or anywhere else in the world that would spend two dollars for every dollar it takes in? It could not do so even if its proprietors were insane enough to attempt it—for its credit would disappear. Is Mr. Bowser doing so with his own money? Not he. Verily the ship of state is in the hands of the most reckless pilot that ever was entrusted with responsibility.

E. Jacobs published a long letter in our morning contemporary on Sunday in which he sought to justify the expenditure of \$5,499.87 during the last few years. He is quite certain that he earned that large sum, in which case his political articles may be regarded merely as testimonials of gratitude to the government for allowing him to figure in the public accounts. Still, whether Mr. Jacobs has been worth \$5,499.87 to the country is a moot question and a same government would take no chances. Considering the size of the budget, however, he ought to do even better next year, unless the electorate mercifully puts the government out of business.

With the sworn statements of citizens of his own country that the Sussex and Englishman were torpedoed without warning before him and notwithstanding the assurances of the British and French governments that such was the case, President Wilson will now ask Germany if the charge is true. Germany will deny it and the day will be saved. The denial of Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria that any of their submarines sank the Persia disposed of that embarrassing incident beautifully.

Von Bernstorff again has offered Germany's humble apologies to the United States and has pledged his honor as a Hun that it shall not occur again, at the same time assuring President Wilson that Germany will make full compensation for American lives lost and punish the guilty submarine commanders if they are proven guilty. At the same time the slippery Hun ambassador says to himself that he would like to meet the party or parties who can prove the submarine commanders guilty to the satisfaction of himself and the All-highest of Potsdam.

It will be observed that while the government proposes to spend two dollars for every dollar of revenue it refrains from laying a finger on those who owe the country \$15,000,000 on account of land sales and other transactions. Is Mr. Bowser going to divide the million he is borrowing for agricultural credits among the speculators on the ground that they are bona fide farmers?

It would be very convenient to all and sundry if the Premier would kindly indicate when he is acting as the representative of the public and when as the head of the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge. Although he apparently is not aware of it, we can assure him that there is a difference between the two.

Mr. Bowser says the rate this province gets for its loans compares favorably with the rate of the Anglo-French loan and the Canadian government loan. In other words the credit of British Columbia is just about as good as that of Great Britain and France and the Canadian government. Sure it is, Mr. Bowser. We believe every word you say.

The Bowser government is spending money at the rate of two dollars for every dollar of its revenue and it is going to borrow the difference, besides millions more to meet the demands of treasury raiders, at the rate of about 82 cents on the dollar. And this is lauded by the thumbs-up brigade and a parasitic press as the last word in statesmanship.

The government press announces that the agents of eastern moneylenders are swarming in Victoria, all eager to pick up something of value at the grand potlatch. This is held up to the public as the best possible evidence of the high financial standing of the province in the money markets of the world.

There is good reason for a belief that many of the Hun submarine commanders have been punished for their crimes, but there is absolutely no evidence that the German government has inflicted even a reprimand upon one of them. Consequently von Bernstorff's "undertakings" to President Wilson are nothing more than a joke to everybody except possibly President Wilson and Secretary Lansing.

The first efforts of the Huns and Bulgars to "drive the British at Salonika into the sea" has resulted, according to reports, in the Huns and Bulgars being driven entirely out of Greek territory. Foxxy Ferdinand evidently is going to find out that "it is a

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long, long way to St. Louis," so generously bestowed upon him by his all-powerful ally the Kaiser.

Von Bernstorff is doubtless congratulating himself upon the fact that never in all his career as an ambassador of a nation of pirates and murderers did he encounter such an "easy mark" as Uncle Sam, whom all the world has been in the habit of regarding as about the sharpest and toughest old gentleman in the ring.

President Wilson obtained full power from Congress to deal with Germany as "seemingly good in his eyes." But the responsibility is too great, and the president seems inclined to transfer it back to Congress. Once again we are told that the "situation at Washington is very grave."

The latest from the seat of war in Mexico is that Villa "again" has slipped through the lines of his enemies and has eluded capture "dead or alive." Our suggestion is that a detachment of the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police be placed temporarily at the service of the United States.

Again we are constrained to ask without any suspicion of levity, "why was Bryan fired?" It may have been irregular for the far-famed orator to give rein to his "silver tongue" and tell Dumb that the United States was merely bluffing, but has not the course of the Wilson administration demonstrated that the "silver tongue" was not forked but told the exact truth?

"Whoop her up boys," shouts Mr. Bowser in effect. "Get in everybody. This is your last chance. We are going to blow in all we can beg or borrow and then beat it to some snug spot like Dick has before the deluge. The poor boobies of taxpayers will pay the shot."

Mayor Stewart stated last night that Slavin and McBride, the two men charged in connection with the "blind pig" affair, had been "dealt with." The mayor might have been more explicit and explained how they were "dealt with."

There is a real crisis at last between the United States and Germany. Uncle Sam has asked the Huns plainly and bluntly whether one of their submarines torpedoed the Sussex? We give you just one chance to guess what the answer will be.

The history of the present provincial government has been but a series of potlatches. But the potlatches of the past have been merely minor affairs compared with the grand final potlatch of Bowserism.

Our morning contemporary is right in line again, pre-election pledges or no pledges. Look at the size of the budget!

The Bowser government is going to take one last tremendous plunge before it dives into oblivion.

THRIFT AND WASTE.

Toronto Star.

A government which is urging thrift upon the people should itself be thrifty. To put it mildly, the virtue of thrift was not displayed in the hiring of special trains for General Hughes and Colonel J. Wesley Allison. The sum of \$125 was paid for hauling General Hughes's private car from Cornwall, Ont., to Moira, in New York state, and back to Ottawa.

Another sum of \$125 was paid for a special train for General Hughes from Ottawa to Cornwall. Another sum of \$125 was paid for a special train to carry Colonel J. Wesley Allison from Ottawa to Cornwall, so that he could make a "connection" there and get home to Morrisburg. There is no suggestion that Morrisburg was in danger from invasion, or that there was any military emergency requiring the colonel's immediate presence there. He just wanted to get home in a hurry. The Ottawa and New York Railway Company had trains to hire, and the country had plenty of money. So \$125 of the taxpayers' money was spent in conveying the colonel to his home in lonely splendor, the sole occupant of the train, monarch of all he surveyed, with a big love-motive, engineer and fireman, and other component parts of a train crew at his service.

A few weeks ago taxes of various kinds were imposed, including an extra cent for postage. The statistician may amuse himself by reflecting that it took the war stamps on 14,550 letters, to carry the colonel home to Morrisburg. And these are only two or three examples of the extravagance that seems to have run riot in various departments

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, March 28, 1891.

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A meeting of the board of directors of the B. C. Agricultural Society was held on Thursday night. A report was adopted recommending the purchase of three acres of land adjoining the driving track of the Victoria Jockey Club.

R. H. Hall, M. P. P., late of Fort Simpson, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Livock in the Hudson Bay Company's offices here. Mr. Hall has been for 20 years in the service of this veteran institution.

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BRIEF NEWS OF
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INQUEST WILL BE
HELD TO-MORROW

Mrs. Mary Brewster Took Her Own Life by Drinking Carbolic Acid

An inquest has been set by Dr. Stanier for ten a. m. to-morrow on the body of the late Mrs. Mary Brewster, who committed suicide early this morning by taking carbolic acid at her home, 7215 Seymour avenue.

The case is now receiving the attention of the police.

The first public intimation of the tragedy came to the Sands Funeral Co., in a call to remove the body from the house. The ambulance of Cameron & Caldwell left for the scene, and the lively stable representatives also notified the police. As a consequence the motor patrol made a quick run, taking Detectives Murray and Heather, with a constable, to the house.

They found Mrs. Brewster, fully dressed, in one room, while in another were the deceased's husband, James Brewster, and a soldier, Pte. A. White, both under the influence of liquor. It is alleged. Very little regarding the tragedy could be gleaned from them.

Dr. Lennox, who had arrived to view the body, could only pronounce life extinct. It was then removed to the undertaker.

This morning a brother of the deceased woman informed Chief Langley of the circumstances under which the poison was taken.

Little is known of the family, which came here from Nanaimo, and have resided here only a few months.

Dance To-morrow.—A dance will be held at the Progress Temple, corner Pandora avenue and Blanchard street, to-morrow from 8 till 11 p. m. Mann's Orchestra will be in attendance.

Monthly Tea.—The monthly tea given by the board of directors of the Y. W. C. A. will be held on Friday next from 3.30 to 5.30. There will be a musical programme.

Red Cross Society.—A meeting of the Oak Bay committee of the Canadian Red Cross Society will be held in the municipal hall, Oak Bay avenue, on Thursday at 8.30 p. m.

W. C. T. U.—The Central Union, W. C. T. U. will hold a parlor meeting and sale of home cooking at the home of Mrs. Webster, 1128 Faithful street, on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Lady Douglas Chapter.—The Lady Douglas Chapter has charge of the Fort street L. O. D. E. headquarters to-morrow, and members are earnestly requested by the regent to be present for the field comfort work which will constitute the chapter undertaking for the day.

Motor Services.—At a late hour last evening the city council again referred back the report on motor services in the engineering department to the special committee. Since the matter has been before the council, a proposition has been submitted to lease a car and engage the services of a driver to the department, and this suggestion has to be considered.

"Messiah" Rehearsal.—The rehearsal for the annual presentation of "The Messiah" to be given by the augmented choir of the Metropolitan Methodist church on the evening of Good Friday, will be held on Thursday evenings in the church, commencing next Thursday at 8 p. m. Those taking part are asked to bring their copies of "The Messiah" with them.

Seeking Agreement on Sales.—The Gordon Head Fruitgrowers Association sent a deputation to Keating last evening to discuss the question of marketing the strawberry crop with the Keating association. As a result some conflict of opinion which has existed in the past will be removed, and it is expected that a formal announcement will be made in the near future with regard to joint action this season.

"Old Time Ladies' Aid."—The assembly hall of the Y. W. C. A. will be thrown open on Thursday evening to the ladies of James Bay Methodist church, who will present an amusing playette entitled "Old Time Ladies' Aid Meeting of Mohawk Cross Roads." The farce was presented some weeks ago at the James Bay Methodist church and won very favorable comment among those who were present. The actors all wear old-fashioned costumes of the Colonial period, this feature being one of the very interesting characteristics of the play. There will be beside the ladies from the church who are taking part in the play musical numbers; the James Bay Methodist church orchestra having kindly volunteered its services for the evening. The entertainment is being generously advertised by members of the Y. W. C. A. and it is anticipated that a good audience will be present. Tickets are only twenty-five cents.

REMEMBERED MANY
INTERESTING EVENTS

Varied Career of Late C. J. Blomfield Provided Him With Interesting Reminiscences

The funeral of the late Charles James Blomfield, who died last Friday, took place yesterday afternoon at 2.15 from the late residence, 676 Battery street, to Christ Church cathedral. Venerable Archdeacon Sweet conducted the service, which was attended by many friends of the deceased gentleman and his family.

The following were the pallbearers: S. Phipps, B. C. Gale, Eric Forbes, David T. Forbes, J. C. R. Patrick, and W. Atwood. Interment was at Ross Bay cemetery.

The late Mr. Blomfield, who was the son of Rt. Rev. Charles J. Blomfield, Bishop of London, was born at Fulham Palace, and had lived a little more than six weeks longer would have celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday. Even later, when more immediate happenings impressed themselves very lightly on his memory, the old gentleman retained a very clear memory of events of his early childhood and schooldays. It was in June, 1837, when he was little more than seven years of age, that King William IV. died, and this fact and the excitement that attended the coronation of Queen Victoria in June of the following year were memories which he recalled often when talking to his friends. Among the occasional visitors to Fulham Palace in those days was the Duke of Cambridge, and in his memoirs Mr. Blomfield recalls having been introduced to the august gentleman by his father when he was still very small. The great Lord Macaulay he also recalled having shaken hands with on some similar occasion, while among others whom he mentioned and described in his autobiography were Lady Chantry, wife of the celebrated sculptor; and Lady Davy, wife of Sir Humphry Davy of safety-lamp fame.

Mr. Blomfield attended both Eton and Rugby. He came to Canada in 1881, going first of all to Chicago, afterwards removing to Toronto, then Lakefield and Peterboro, Ontario. He finally returned to Lakefield, and lived there until he came west with several of his children in 1905. His first home in this province was at Kelowna, where he lived until 1911, settling finally in Victoria, where he spent his declining years.

In 1885 Mr. Blomfield married Jane Strickland, daughter of Colonel Strickland, of Lakefield, Ontario. It was at her death in 1903 that he decided to come west.

Part of Ear Severed

Chinese Boy on Cycle Collides With Brewery Wagon on Dangerous Hill.

A Chinese boy bicycling down the Point Ellice Bridge hill yesterday afternoon ran into a heavy wagon belonging to the Silver Spring brewery. As a result of the collision, Chin On, the unfortunate boy, was pitched from his cycle, and sustained several hurts.

In addition to other injuries, Chin On had part of one ear cut off, and Dr. Bechtel, who was called in, stitched up the wound, sending the patient on to the Royal Jubilee hospital for treatment.

Two witnesses of the accident have given statements to the police, and an explanation is to be made by the driver of the brewery wagon. It is regarded as remarkable that the bicyclist was not killed. The wheel was completely smashed up.

No Surety Bond

Oak Bay Councilors Decide to Cut Stringent Clause From By-law Regarding Automobiles.

The question of the licensing of automobiles used for hire within the Oak Bay municipality again came before the municipal council yesterday evening at the regular meeting, and will be redrafted. The councilors decided by vote that the clause requiring that licensed drivers be required to give a surety bond should be eliminated from the measure. The by-law was ordered to be sent to the council solicitor for revision and redrafting. It then will come before the council again.

The council passed the annual loan bill through the third reading and dealt with some correspondence and other matters of municipal routine.

Gordon Head Women's Institute.—The Gordon Head Women's Institute will hold its monthly meeting in the Gordon Head hall on Thursday, March 30 at 2.30 p. m. A full meeting is requested, as business of importance is to be discussed.

French Patriotic Society Appeal.—The "shower" which is organized for Thursday afternoon at the Victoria Club, Campbell building, under the auspices and direction of the French Patriotic Society, may be a genuine deluge without affronting the feelings of the organizers, and it is hoped that everyone will help to make it so. The collection is being made in aid of the French soldiers who have been wounded or are in the forefront of the battle-line, while gifts of clothing suitable for their families or the little orphans who have been made by the war will be welcomed. Undergarments, woollen socks, handkerchiefs, towels, bandages, or money will be very welcome contributions. The "shower" is scheduled to commence at 5 o'clock on Thursday, and will continue for three hours. There will be a musical programme in connection with the pro-

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Mrs. Hampton, of Tacoma, is at the Dominion hotel.

A. L. Carpenter, of Vancouver, is at the Hotel Metropole.

M. E. Ward is at the Hotel Metropole from Vancouver.

A. Sutton is staying at the Hotel Metropole from Danian.

R. G. Thompson arrived at the Metropole yesterday from Seattle.

Wm. A. Calder and family, of Seattle, are at the Dominion hotel.

R. E. Walker, of Ragley, East Sooke, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

Dr. A. E. Cameron, of Ottawa, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

John Oliver is over from the Delta, and is staying at the Dominion.

H. G. Wright, from Vancouver, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Frank L. Girard, of Vancouver, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. E. M. Adams, of Calgary, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Rev. George H. Russell, of Red Deer, Alta., is registered at the Dominion hotel.

Alex. Halliday and W. H. McCallum, of Quebec, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

R. S. Sweeting is over from the mainland and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Charles Weber is among the Vancouver guests registered at the Strathcona hotel.

H. A. Duncan has arrived in the city from Vancouver and is staying at the Metropole.

N. T. Brown and family, of North Vancouver, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Miss M. Bryant and Miss M. McLeod are Vancouver visitors staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Mrs. Wilkinson and R. Wilkinson, from Cobble Hill, are guests at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Burgess and family, from Vancouver, are guests at the Strathcona hotel.

E. E. Welch and J. Gardner are late arrivals from Vancouver, registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Arrivals at the Empress hotel yesterday from Prince George were A. G. Hamilton and D. H. Hay.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Percy, and G. MacDonald, of New Westminster, are guests at the Empress hotel.

E. Dwyer and Mrs. Denby, of Winnipeg, Man., were among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

Wedding arrivals at the Empress hotel yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Campbell and R. J. Megaw.

Misses C. Black, J. Alexander, L. C. Kelly and A. E. Patridge are Vancouver visitors registered at the Strathcona hotel.

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A handsomely-dressed dandy entered a crowded tramcar. A rough-looking old fellow, wearing a dilapidated hat and a suit of homespun clothes, rose to his feet. "Miss, take my seat. I don't look as well as these 'ere gentlemen," he said, adding to several men, "but I've got more politeness."

Without a word of thanks the young woman sat down. "Miss," said the old fellow, with a smile, "if believe I left my 'olde o'pouch on the seat. Will you please get it up?" No sooner was the seat unoccupied than the old fellow deliberately sat down again. "Believe I'll keep sittin' here, miss," he explained. "I've got a little more politeness than these 'ere gentlemen, but I have found out that I ain't got high so much common sense."

PATRIOTIC AMATEURS PRESENT "PATIENCE"

First of Two Benefit Performances of the Gilbert-Sullivan Opera Applauded Last Night

The first of two benefit performances of "Patience," the gay Gilbert and Sullivan satire on an aesthetic decade of the Victorian era, was produced last evening at the Royal Victoria theatre by the Patriotic Amateur Operatic Society of Vancouver. The well-known light opera was brought here by these talented players for the purpose of collecting something for the Victoria patriotic fund, and the public should have given the venture better support than it did. However, the merits of the company should be well advertised by the moderately large but very enthusiastic audience present last evening, and the second and final performance to be given tonight will no doubt be before a bumper house.

It requires more than usual energy in times like these to work up a production so elaborate and ambitious as "Patience." That the Vancouver Patriotic Society did so, assembling a very fine cast of actors to boot, is evidence of some moving genius at the back of so difficult an undertaking. The programme does not completely set forth the relative responsibilities of those who initiated the performance, but musically much must have depended on J. C. Welch, who acted as conductor, while Harold Nelson Shaw, B.A., had supervision of the production as a whole. These gentlemen, advance notices stated, formed this amateur company shortly after the war broke out, and several commendable undertakings are to the credit of the players during the last eighteen months.

More than one of the actors might easily have claimed professional experience. Miss Blanche Nadeau, for instance, in the role of the charming dairy-maid, "Patience," moved about the stage as if she had been accustomed to it every night of her life. The effective manner in which she used her voice, the natural movements, the artistic touches which are gained usually only by long years of rehearsing under critical producers, were all characteristic of this finished performer's reading of the part. "I Cannot Tell Why This Love May Be," and "Love is a Plaintive Song" were only two of several pleasing numbers sung in solo by this gifted lady.

Very much of the same criticism applies to Harold Graves, playing the role of Archibald Grosvenor, "the idyllic poet," who in velvet knee-breeches and Arthurian curls disconcerted the audience by his most aesthetic of phrases. Mr. Graves has a remarkably sweet tenor voice, and maintained his melancholy very consistently throughout the two acts. "Prithee Prithee Maiden," and a solo, "A Magnet Hung in a Hardware Shop" (in Act II), displayed his gifts as a singer admirably, and won for him some of the warmest applause of the evening.

Admirably contrasted was a "fleshy poet," Bunthorne, a part very humorously depicted by Frank Hoole. Possessed of a massive round basso and generous inches, the whole men of this "gentle-sham" was convincing of robust and generous vitality. Behind a poet's daisy, the part must have been played many times to bring such perfection in stage' perambulations. "Am I alone?" was one of the best solo numbers given by this actor, who with Grosvenor (Mr. Graves) provided perhaps the finest musical number of the evening in the duet, "When I Go Out

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of Doors," toward the end of the second act.

The leading spirits among the bevy of rapturous maidens were Miss Bessie Brewis, Miss Annie Reid, Miss Florence Ross and Mrs. James McNeill, as the Ladies Angela, Saphir, Ella and Jane,

respectively. These, unlike "Patience," who was attired in the traditional costume of a stage dairymaid, wore the aesthetic Grecian dress until the finale at the close of the opera, when all emerged in regulation evening dress. Miss Nadeau and Miss Brewis made a very pretty thing of the duet, "Long Years Ago," and solo parts were taken very effectively by each of the others during the opening act.

The three dashing officers of the Dragon Guards were Messrs. R. Graves, W. Filtzess and A. W. Graham, whose voices harmonized pleasingly in the sextette with the Misses Brewis, Reid and Ross just before the first curtain. Everyone enjoyed the quintette in which the same singers (with the exception of Miss Ross) appeared, "If Saphir I Choose to Marry," hearty applause being accorded in both instances.

The choruses managed excellently throughout, from "Twenty Lovesick Maidens We" to the very amended sentiment of "I'm a Waterloo House Young Man." The audience wondered not a little when the 88th Battalion orchestra found an opportunity to rehearse with the visiting company, but the union with which the instrumentalists and singers worked seemed to indicate considerable study of the opera together.

From the standpoint of the amateur company the Gilbert-Sullivan operas have much to recommend them, requiring practically no stage fixtures, few changes, and little or no manipulation of the lights. For the rest the Vancouver Patriotic Society achieved a very pleasing success with an opera which Victorians will have a second opportunity of hearing to-night at the Royal Victoria theatre.

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Tries to Secure the Ousting of Brewster and Macdonald From House

OPPOSITION UNWELCOME IN THE LEGISLATURE

Presence and Activity of Liberal Members Resented by Tories in the House

Legislative Press Gallery, March 27.

The electors of Victoria, Vancouver and Esquimalt are not likely to be led away with any idea that some abstract point of law, presenting itself to the mind of a member of the House in the late night or early morning hours, was responsible for the attempt to get out of the Legislature the two energetic members of the opposition.

When the people elected by majority greater than have ever been given to men elected to that body before. Glazed over by explanations which have to be accepted in a deliberative assembly this attempt may be represented as the effort of a young legal member of the House to effect a supposed tactical advantage by an appeal to a strictly technical point of law, but an electorate which has been already aroused to such a pitch of feeling against the government in power that in the premier's constituency it defeats one minister by over four thousand of a majority, and in the capital chooses to replace the outgoing premier by the defeat of another minister and the election of the leader of the opposition by a majority of very much over two thousand, is not likely to be deceived by any of the conventional statements which the deputies of debate as between man and man necessitate.

Whatever brave face may have been put upon the matter by the premier the resolution of the member for Esquimalt (R. H. Pooley) raising a cloud upon the legal return of the two recently elected Liberal members, the fact remains that Mr. Bowser, who has always exercised a very strong disciplinary influence over the following of the government—even to the point of ousting his predecessor from the office by vigorous action in caucus—must be held responsible for the proposal that a special committee of the House should investigate the conduct of the returning officers in the two cities in relation to return members to the Legislature who were in opposition to the government in power.

In face of the unmistakable expression of the popular will in the two cities Mr. Pooley had the effrontery to move the following resolution:

"Whereas an election was held in the city of Vancouver on the 24th day of February, 1916, in which Mr. M. A. Macdonald was elected a member of this House for the electoral district of Vancouver City, and an election was held in the city of Victoria on the 4th day of March, 1916, in which Mr. H. C. Brewster was elected a member for the electoral district of the City of Victoria:

"And whereas the returning officers for the said electoral districts have not complied with the provisions of the Provincial Elections Act:

"And whereas said M. A. Macdonald and H. C. Brewster have occupied seats on the floor of the House since the 2nd day of March and the 7th day of March, 1916, respectively:

"Resolved, that a select committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs. Mackay, Miller, Place, and the mover, to take into consideration the circumstances in connection therewith and report to this House what steps (if any) should be taken."

The member for Esquimalt, in speaking in support of his motion tonight, said that in putting it on the paper various suggestions had been made as to his motives. His sole motive was to satisfy the curiosity of opposition members as to constitutional points. During the late night sitting when the question of the life of parliament was being discussed the bright idea occurred to him that he might do he was now doing. He had seen in the House a distinguished man known as Honest John Oliver, the generalissimo, "main guy," or whatever he

might be called, who kept on sending ammunition up to the firing line. There were smiles on the faces of Liberals as the clock got round to the hour of midnight, and the bright idea had struck him that these gentlemen might look to their own position.

Mr. Macdonald pointed out that the honorable gentleman was not speaking to the resolution at all. Mr. Pooley said he was trying to give his reasons for putting the resolution on the order paper. In a sense the two members were strangers on the floor, and he would call to their attention whether they had not incurred penalties by sitting irregularly. Mr. Pooley said he did not mean to attach in any way blame to the returning officers, who had been asked by the government to expedite the returns in order that the Liberal members might take their seats, but if there was any blame it should attach to the Provincial Secretary's department.

H. B. Thomson seconded the resolution.

Mr. Brewster, in dry and stinging sentences, acknowledged the temperate way and gentle manner in which the very honorable member for Esquimalt had led the two Liberal members of that House down. The member for Esquimalt must have known how they trembled in their boots, and how the very uncertainty of their tenure of seats to which they were elected by such overwhelming majorities had caused them sleepless nights. Then suddenly switching, with that disconcerting way he has, Mr. Brewster told the member for Esquimalt that he had known when he put his resolution on the order paper what ardent nonsense it was—or else he did not know his law. Mr. Brewster dryly remarked that he was inclined to think the latter was really the fact, and the Conservative colleagues of the member for Esquimalt were loud in their laughter.

The hon. gentleman's object was so apparent, Mr. Brewster said, that he thought it only right that the general public should know the real reason behind the resolution. The member for Esquimalt had mentioned the presence on the floor of the former member for Delta, whose appearance seemed to call forth a noticeable amount of invective and hard words. The fact was that those who so vehemently asserted in that House that they wanted to see an opposition were talking in the hope of being believed by the general public, but did not desire to see any opposition at all. Nor did they wish to see the small opposition there was assisted in any measure from within or without. The government side could have deputies to assist them with information, and could have men to prepare speeches for them, but for the small opposition to have any assistance was a high crime and misdemeanor towards that majority within the House which had no support of any majority outside.

Mr. Brewster ventured the opinion that if Mr. Pooley had not had certain sections of the Elections Act called to his attention by someone else he would never have known they were there, and would have thought that his resolution was going to get the Liberal members out of the House without further question.

"The government say they want us to carry on our investigations," said Mr. Brewster. "They find the probe is going deep and it will go deeper still. Possibly the hon. gentleman has heard a rumor that probably the proposition is to be put to the Esquimalt members. We have him now trying to crawl behind the act in the endeavor to get my colleague and myself out of the House because he and his party are frightened of the investigations we are carrying on."

"We welcome investigation of our election, because it will show only one thing, and that is that if there has been any incompetency it has been the incompetency of officials, as the resolution would have us believe, whatever my hon. friend may say, but that of the government in setting aside the law. The writ was returned, the oath was taken, we were allowed to take our seats in this honorable assembly, and on that we stand."

"We have no fear of the result of an investigation, but we do insist that the real motive behind this resolution should be placed before the people and the legislature, and that motive is to get rid of an opposition in this House. I am satisfied that when the electors of Esquimalt realize the attempt that is being made by their member to remove from this House men who have been elected by a two-to-one vote, he will not find it such an easy matter to get back here again as he seems to think it is, or to convince the electors that he is a fit person to represent them."

Mr. Macdonald suggested that if the government could not get better campaign material before an election than it was now piling up in this way it would find not only that the adverse majorities recorded against them in the late by-elections would be increased in those centres but the example would be followed elsewhere. The motion was intended to convey to the House the ideas not only of the member for Esquimalt but of the government, because if one knew anything of the discipline of the Conservative party he would know that while the voice was that of Esquimalt the hand was that of the premier.

The temper and purpose were self-evident; they were disclosed on the face of the resolution. It was suggested that through the breach of some technicalities by the returning officers in Victoria and Vancouver the Liberal members in that House were not entitled to their seats. This was a testimony to the sincerity with which the government and its followers had welcomed investigation of the charges made against the government. Opportunity was taken at the earliest date to set aside the will of the electors expressed in such an overwhelming manner.

There was no merit in law in the proposal. If the member for Esquimalt had consulted the youngest student in his office he would have found that out. He was relying on a section which said that the returning officer must keep the writ and ballots for ten days in case of a recount. But he ignored the section a little way further on which said that a recount

could only be held when the majority was under fifty. The most cursory knowledge must have advised the hon. gentleman that the majorities in the two cases to which his resolution referred were considerably over that figure.

Besides he could have found out that there was provision for the return of the returning officer of the documents if a recount was found necessary. The minister of lands could have told him that as a matter of history in that House a good many years ago, in connection with his own election, there had been a good deal of discussion as to the wanderings of a certain ballot-box and the refusal to allow certain ballots to get counted which, it was generally understood then, would have resulted in the opponent of the hon. gentleman being elected, and a change being effected in the subsequent political history of the province. Mr. Macdonald said he did not suggest that the returning officers were in collusion with the government or the member for Esquimalt. He did not know Mr. Carthy, but was satisfied that he would carry out his duties. Mr. Moore he did know, and knew that he would not be a party to a trumpery matter of this kind. It remained for the member for Esquimalt and the government because it was fair to assume that the move was fathered by the premier—to go ahead with it. If there was any cloud the two Liberal members would be glad to have it dissipated.

H. H. Watson (Vancouver) said he would not put a hand out to keep the two members out of the House. They were elected by large majorities, and he would like to see them there. He was going to accompany them on their hunt for scandals as far as they could go.

"And make a virtue of necessity," remarked Mr. Brewster.

Anyway Mr. Watson was going to vote against the resolution, but he tried to even it up by assuring the premier that never again would anyone get such a majority in Vancouver as Mr. Macdonald had got there in the by-election.

Premier Bowser said there was nothing he prided himself so much on as being a good loser, and he claimed that in both cities he had lost well. He had nothing to do with the resolution, he said; he did not fight his fights that way.

"When we get through supply and the sessional programme," he said, "I will stay here until June 1 until the opposition rise up and tell me they have had enough. It will be a case of the minority dictating to the majority when the House shall adjourn."

Mr. Bowser went on to assert that the leader of the opposition had tried to get the House dissolved on March 14 so that the referendum on prohibition could not be taken and so that the investigations into government scandals could not take place.

"The people know to-day that they have no investigation to go ahead on," he continued, "but they are going to stay here until the first day of June till they rise here and tell me they have had all the time they want to make these investigations."

"You will have had enough of it before the first of June," said Mr. Brewster.

Mr. Bowser said the House would see the difference between reckless statements on the hustings, and proof in the House. "I want them," he said, "that they are going to stay here. There will be no discussion such as you want. You are going to stay here. The premier suggested that as the ten days during which the returning officer could hold the writ were now passed there was no question of the legal election of the two gentlemen, and therefore perhaps the member for Esquimalt would withdraw his resolution, as in the public interest."

Of course Mr. Pooley was charmed to do so when it was put up to him in this way, and that ended the matter so far as the House is concerned. That it will not be forgotten in the coming campaign is quite certain.

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He (musically)—"As Lincoln said, a man may fool some of the people all the time and all the people some of the time." Wife (briskly)—"But you can't fool me any of the time!"

POLOGIES ARE ALL IN THE AIR AS YET

Cabinet Do Not Know Where They Are in Any Matter Affecting Welfare of Province

Legislative Press Gallery, March 27.

That the cabinet members do not know where they are at, to use the colloquialism, and that their policies are all up in the air, was shown this afternoon in the brief discussion of the extension of the moratorium to debtors of the crown, which would include the men who owe fifteen million dollars for bonds upon which they have paid only the first instalment.

The minister of lands promised that he would bring down several bills covering land act matters, but he could not explain why he wanted a blanket bill to contain a power which he assured the opposition there was no intention of using. Finally he took refuge in the withdrawal of the bill from committee in the promise of considering it.

Moral and Practical Effect.

Parker Williams took up the moral and practical effect of the extension of the moratorium for the benefit of crown lands debtors when the House went into committee on the bill. He pointed out that if the bill became law it would tie up all the lands available for land settlement and the colonization of returned soldiers during the period of the war and for six months after. This was a thing which should not be allowed.

The minister of lands considered that as the moratorium had been in force for a year the bill should be allowed to go through. It was to be applied particularly to monies due under the Coal and Petroleum Act and had not been applied to lands. In due course a well-defined policy for dealing with returned soldiers would be laid before the House at this session.

The measure can be made applicable to arrears on land purchase," Mr. Macdonald asked.

The minister admitted that it could, but had not been, although at one time it was thought it might have to be.

Mr. Macdonald considered that the minister's declaration of policy was not satisfactory to the country. The government still reserved the right to itself to apply the act to arrears due on lands, whether this had been done yet or not. As to the point of what was to constitute the termination of the war, that was left too vague. Was it to mean a treaty peace or the cessation of hostilities? The hon. gentleman also asked whether the bill was to apply also to timber license arrears.

Mr. Ross stated that when he had spoken on the address he referred simply to what had taken place up to that time.

Changes of Policy.

"There have been changes of policy since then," was Mr. Brewster's comment.

Mr. Ross intimated that he would bring down other bills giving effect to the government's policy in a few days.

Mr. Macdonald asked if it was the intention to extend the moratorium to last season to timber license, and Mr. Ross replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Brewster argued against the bringing down of a blanket bill to enable the government to apply the moratorium to debtors under any act, but on principle and for the reason just stated by the minister that it was intended to bring in further measures. The government was forcing the estimates before the House and had not yet got their policy developed or presented to the House. Members were calmly told by the minister of lands to swallow a bill which gave the cabinet unlimited power. In other words, the legislature was being told that it was all right in its way but the government was going to do as it pleased.

At Mercy of Government.

Mr. Williams declared that the only reason for the bill was to place the population of British Columbia at the mercy of the government. In that aspect, it was a masterpiece of legislative drafting.

The minister of lands assured the opposition that so far as the Land Act was concerned he proposed to bring in a substantial bill to amend it.

Mr. Brewster—"Why not take out the reference to the act out of this blanket act then?"

Mr. Ross explained that there might be other acts which would be affected. He agreed, however, not to proceed any further at present and had the committee rise and report progress.

A bill to amend the Lunacy Act was put through committee and stands for report, and the House then went into committee on a bill to amend the Jury Act. On a section permitting sheriffs to empower what might be called emergency jurors out of the crowd, when he has been unable to summon a full panel or some of the panel have failed to respond, Mr. Macdonald insisted that these emergency jurors should have the same qualifications as jurors—that is being voters—or should be qualified to be on the list as voters.

The minister of lands allowed the bill to stand for consideration of the suggestion.

Private Bills.

Private bills were taken up, and those validating agreements between the city of Victoria and the British Columbia Telephone Co., and enabling the district municipality of Burnaby to divert some loan funds were given third readings. The Prince Rupert bill was given a second reading on motion of N. F. Mackay (Kaslo), who briefly explained the system of annuity instalment or serial bonds which that city desires to be allowed to adopt. The bill was considered in committee of the whole, with Michael Manson (Comox) in the chair, and stands for report.

R. H. Pooley's motion questioning the legality of the returns made by the returning officers in the recent by-elections in Victoria and Vancouver was reached in the ordinary course.

but the honorable gentleman was not in his place, although he came in about five minutes later.

The speaker, referring to the objection taken by Mr. Brewster on Friday, expressed the opinion that motions should not be put on the order paper and allowed to stand from day to day if objection was taken. As the hon. gentleman was not there it would be in order to move that the motion be withdrawn, or the other practice, of dropping an order from the paper, could be adopted.

"As the mover is not here the motion might be allowed to stand until he is in the House," Mr. Brewster remarked. "He may wish to discuss it. We certainly are not averse to discussion on this side."

The motion accordingly stood over, and so did Mr. Williams's motion based on it.

Mr. Speaker gave a ruling on a report from the mining committee, suggesting that the mining laws be amended so that a man might be allowed to resume work on a forfeited claim on payment of \$25. He held that this was an interference with crown lands and revenues, and therefore not competent for the committee to direct. He returned the report to the committee with a request that it should put its direction in the form of a recommendation.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 28—5 a. m.—The barometer is high over the Pacific slope, and with the exception of sharp frosts in Northern B. C., fair, mild weather is general, with light to moderate winds along the Coast. Mild weather also prevails in the prairie provinces.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and mild.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and mild.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.27; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40°; minimum, 25°; wind, 8 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.25; temperature, maximum yesterday, 36°; minimum, 28°; wind, calm; rain, 0.4; weather, cloudy.

Entrance—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40°; minimum, 28°; wind, 8 miles W.; rain, 0.4; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34°; minimum, 20°; wind, calm; weather, fair.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, maximum yesterday, 36°; minimum, 22°; wind, calm; snow, 10; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46°; minimum, 28°; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

Fort Smith—Barometer, 30.25; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48°; minimum, 30°; wind, 4 miles N.; rain, 12; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.25; temperature, maximum yesterday, 54°; minimum, 40°; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, clear.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50°; minimum, 38°; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, rain.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, maximum yesterday, 64°; minimum, 50°; wind, 4 miles S. W.; weather, clear.

Temperature.

Max. Min. Prince George 51 .. 41

Pentlitz 53 .. 43

Nelson 45 .. 35

Cranbrook 48 .. 38

Calgary 44 .. 34

Edmonton 48 .. 38

Qu'Appelle 44 .. 34

Winnipeg 38 .. 28

Toronto 40 .. 30

Montreal 52 .. 42

St. John 48 .. 38

Halifax 44 .. 34

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Monday.

Temperature.

Highest 49

Lowest 41

Average 45

Minimum on grass 37

Maximum in sun 102

Bright sunshine, 4 hours 51 minutes.

General state of weather, fair.

READS CLERGYMEN OUT OF POLITICS

H. B. Thomson Would Not Allow Ministers to Live So Far as They Are Liberals

Legislative Press Gallery, March 27.

The action of half a hundred clergymen, electors of the province, in daring to come into the political arena at the recent by-elections in opposition to the administration has been exercising the soul of H. B. Thomson, and this evening he unburdened himself to his fellow-members. The immediate attack was Principal John Mackay, of Westminster Hall, Vancouver, and he got after him by way of asking for some correspondence which is supposed to have passed when the principal was offered by the former minister of education the post of president of the University of B. C., which disposition of the office did not suit the other members of the cabinet.

Mr. Thomson, in moving for a return of any correspondence between Principal Mackay, Vancouver, and any member of the present or last cabinet, "I am pleased to hear that Mackay has been made president of the British Columbia University," said he, did not intend to make any attack on any religious denomination. But the minister who entered politics, he said, cut himself adrift from the law and it became a case of men instead of doctrines, creatures not creeds. During the late by-election campaigns Dr. Mackay had called the government Huns, and in one speech said the curse of God would rest on the whole province until it made such practices thoroughly impossible. This was strong language, and Dr. Mackay must have known whereof he spoke when he uttered such words.

It had been rumored that Dr. Mackay was animated in his attacks on the government by animosity because he had not been chosen president of the University of British Columbia. In justice both to himself and the public the correspondence should be produced so that it might be seen whether he was moved by animosity or not. Dr. Mackay had termed the government a diabolical one and declared that ancient shams and conventional lies were being tested by a fire in which nothing but truth could stand the test. Was it likely that Dr. Mackay would take a step of this kind without careful consideration and thorough investigation. At the meeting when he used these words he also said: "We have here in this hall to-night a man who is poor in all but his wonderful genius and unimpeachable integrity." Then the burly, bearded, Moses Mahomed Cotsworth, the prophet of "The Crisis,"

The day was approaching, Mr. Thomson went on to say, when the sheep would be separated from the goats, and in Matthew, chapter 25, verses 32 and 33, would be found the manner of this separation by the placing of the sheep on the right hand and the goats on the left. It would be for the people to decide which hand Dr. Mackay and the government would stand on. In closing, Mr. Thomson repeated his disclaimer of any attack on religion, but excused his action by Dr. Mackay having forgotten the dignity of the cloth by descending into politics.

Mr. Brewster did not think the reverend gentleman referred to required any defence at his or any other hands. He was at a loss to understand the action of his colleague for Victoria, who first said he did not wish to make an attack on anyone and then proceeded to do some of the things that he alleged Dr. Mackay had done. Protected by the privileges of parliament he made a species of frivolous attack, almost blasphemous in some places. His colleague accused the reverend gentleman of descending from the dignity of the cloth and himself descended from the dignity which should be observed in that House to make that attack. It would not be in keeping with good taste nor with the dignity of the House to bandy words on this subject. If the second member for Victoria had been sincere in his intentions he would simply have asked for the papers without comment.

H. H. Watson (Vancouver), seconding the resolution, said "The Crisis" was conceived in hate and born in falsehood. To his mind the attitude of Dr. Mackay and other clergymen was un-Christian, and it was only right that the House should see what the correspondence led up to.

M. A. Macdonald, senior member for Vancouver, was of the opinion that if the two members would go before a court with their allegations they would not emerge with the same laurels as in a partisan House. Members were not asked to judge by the correspondence, but were asked in advance to say that Dr. Mackay was "pleading his cause to be made president" of the university.

The honorable gentleman ventured to say that the correspondence would not show this, but whether it did or not the animus and inference was shown in the resolution which placed an interpretation upon correspondence before it was produced. The honorable gentleman was not worried about the part certain of the correspondence taken part in by no less than sixty clergymen, and the member for Victoria was urged to the utmost in any hunt for motive which would include all these.

"There is nothing more base, there is nothing more despicable," said Mr. Macdonald, "than attributing motives to men who are actuated by the highest conception of public duty; nothing more to anyone. Dr. Mackay needs no defence at my hands; he will suffer by no attack from the hands of gentlemen opposite. If they have the sir-

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certify of their convictions let them take this matter up outside, where I will be glad to meet them, as I assure Dr. Mackay will be too. I would call the latter part of the resolution to the attention of my honorable friend from Victoria. If it does not appeal to his sense of justice that that portion should be struck out, then, of course, it will have to stand."

There was not a word from any member of the government, and the resolution went through as of the order paper.

INTEREST IN THE DEAD.

Why do President Wilson and Mr. Lansing take so much interest in dead Americans and so little interest in live American citizens? Count Ernest zu Reventlow to the World corresponded. There are precedents. Two dead Germans, Emperor William to take Kiaochow with 60,000 "live Chinese citizens." The murder of the German minister in Peking brought German soldiers with orders to bear themselves so that no Chinese should look askance at a German for a thousand years. The German powers "took so much interest" in two dead Austrians at Sarajevo as to make their murder the occasion of a great world war. Naturally the president and Mr. Lansing wish to know whether more "live American citizens" may go upon their lawful occasions under established rules without becoming, by Germany's premeditated act, "dead Americans."—New York World.

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MANY MOTOR SHIPS BEING CONSTRUCTED

Builders in Denmark Have Orders Which Will Keep Them Busy for Years

Copenhagen, March 28.—Motorship construction is developing with extraordinary rapidity in Denmark, which took the lead in the building of this class of sea-going vessel when it successfully completed the *Selandia* a few years ago. Since that time a great increase has been brought about in the size of motorships. The *Selandia* was 375 feet in length, had engines of 3,500 horse-power and displaced 7,000 tons. At present one yard alone here is engaged on the construction of a number of motor vessels, each of which is to displace 12,000 tons, to be 500 feet in length and have engines of 7,000 horse-power. The same firm has orders for fifty motorships and its slips will be fully occupied with them until the end of 1921.

There was once a rich but very mean old lady, who paid her servants as little as possible, and kept very few. One of her staff was a thin, miserable-looking lad of fifteen, who answered the door, did the knives and the windows, waited at table, weeded the garden, washed the poodle, and had the rest of the time to himself. One visitor asked him, "Well, my boy, what do you do here?" "I do a butler and a gardener out of a job," snapped the lad sourly.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

DEEP SEA ARRIVALS.

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Titian	Read	5,800	Doddwell & Co.	Hongkong	April 1
Canada Maru	Sutera	3,600	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	April 1
Tamba Maru	Nagase	2,800	G. Northern	Hongkong	April 4
Makura	Phillips	4,921	C. P. R.	Sydney	April 6
Crown of Toledo	Nagase	3,578	G. Northern	Hongkong	April 6
Empress of Russia	W. Davidson	8,789	C. P. R.	Hongkong	April 8
Yokohama Maru	Shinko	4,500	G. Northern	Hongkong	April 14
Tacoma Maru	Hamada	3,500	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	April 24
Manila Maru	Kobayashi	5,200	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	April 28
Empress of Japan	Davidson	2,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong	April 30
Niagara	Rolls	7,000	C. P. R.	Sydney	May 4
Empress of Asia	Robinson	8,834	G. Northern	Hongkong	May 6
Sado Maru	Asakawa	3,900	G. Northern	Hongkong	May 6
Hawaii Maru	Saito	3,620	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	May 10
Awa Maru	Inadzu	3,200	G. Northern	Hongkong	May 17
Montague	Hatley	3,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong	May 19

DEEP SEA DEPARTURES.

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	For	Due
Chicago Maru	K. Hort	3,900	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	March 31
Kamakura Maru	Kusunagi	3,500	G. Northern	Hongkong	April 1
Makura	Phillips	4,921	C. P. R.	Sydney	April 12
Canada Maru	Sutera	3,600	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	April 14
Tamba Maru	Nagase	2,800	G. Northern	Hongkong	April 18
Empress of Russia	W. Davidson	8,789	C. P. R.	Hongkong	April 20
Yokohama Maru	Shinko	4,500	G. Northern	Hongkong	April 28
Tacoma Maru	Hamada	3,500	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	April 28
Manila Maru	Kobayashi	5,200	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	May 12
Empress of Japan	Davidson	2,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong	May 16
Niagara	Rolls	7,000	C. P. R.	Sydney	May 19
Empress of Asia	Robinson	8,834	G. Northern	Hongkong	May 19

COASTWISE SERVICES.

For Vancouver	From Comox
Steamer Victoria leaves daily at 2.30 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary daily at 11.45 a. m.	Steamer Charmer arrives every Sunday.
From Vancouver	For Prince Rupert
Steamer Princess Adelaide arrives daily at 1 p. m., and steamer Princess Alice at 6.30 a. m.	Steamer Prince Rupert leaves Tuesdays at 10 a. m.
For Seattle	From Prince Rupert
Steamer Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 4.30 p. m.	Steamer Prince Rupert arrives Mondays at 6 a. m.
From Seattle	For Skagway
Steamer Princess Victoria arrives daily at 1 p. m.	Steamer Princess Sophia April 4, 14 and 24.
For Port Angeles	From Skagway
Steamer Sol Duc leaves daily except Sunday at 11.30 a. m.	Steamer Princess Sophia arrives April 2, 12 and 22.
From Port Angeles	For Holberg
Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.	Steamer Tees leaves on first and twentieth of each month.
For San Francisco	From Holberg
Steamers President and Governor alternate every Friday at 5 p. m.	Steamer Tees arrives on seventh and twenty-seventh of each month.
From San Francisco	For Clayoquot
Steamers President and Governor alternate every Monday at 1 p. m.	Steamer Tees leaves on tenth of each month.
For Comox	From Clayoquot
Steamer Charmer leaves every Tuesday, 6 a. m.	Steamer Tees arrives on thirteenth of each month.

CAMOSUN INQUIRY OPENED HERE TO-DAY

Four Witnesses Give Evidence at Morning Session of Investigation Into Stranding

Captain J. D. Macpherson, wreck commissioner, assisted by Captain Parsons and Captain Ridley as assessors, this morning opened an inquiry in the courthouse into the stranding of the Union Steamship Company's steamer Camosun on a reef off Digby Island early on the morning of March 7. Four witnesses were heard at the morning session. Captain Dickson, master of the Camosun, attributed the stranding of the steamer to a strong northerly set in the current on the night in question, which was the first time he had experienced it in the direction felt on that occasion. This opinion was also expressed by the first mate.

Captain Dickson said he had been on the coast since 1902 and in command since 1904. He left Prince Rupert for Massett at 9.28 p. m. on March 6. It was snowing at the time, but lights were visible for about two miles. After passing Georgia Rock buoy the weather got worse. He proceeded fifteen miles on the journey, and gaining full speed would then be near Brown Passage. On account of the bad weather he did not deem it advisable to attempt to make the passage, so turned back and travelled about ten miles on the opposite course when he slowed down. There were two on the bridge all the time and the look-out forward. He started the lead going forty minutes after slowing down, and the first cast gave 32½ fathoms and the second 30 fathoms. Between the casts the steamer would travel about a mile. He then went to the chart room to compare his position, and while there the chief officer reported having heard an echo and sighting a small island. He returned to the bridge, and having seen the island went full speed astern and then stopped. He saw broken water astern and swung to the south, when the vessel struck. There was a fresh breeze during the night and it increased after the steamer stranded. He thought it was on part of Digby Island. She struck at 1.50 a. m., and at that time it was dark and snowing heavily. It was about five minutes after getting the first echo that the Camosun stranded. Captain Dickson said he turned back for the purpose of picking up Kinehan Island, and then intended to be guided by circumstances. If he got shelter under the lee of the island he might have anchored there.

There was no panic when the steamer stranded, and he told the second mate to get the boats ready and the passengers were ordered to dress. He did not think it advisable to attempt to make Brown Passage on such a night, and considered that he took every precaution a man could take. The steamer struck forward first, and the wind put her broadside on. Captain Dickson favored the placing of a sound signal in Chatham Sound, preferably on Kinehan Island. J. H. Brown, chief officer, said he had been at sea for 36 years, and had been on this coast since 1908. He went on watch at midnight on March 6, the steamer having been turned round when he went on duty. He corroborated Captain Dickson's testimony regarding the taking of the soundings. After the captain went to the chart room to examine the soundings he thought he heard an echo and called the master. When Captain Dickson returned to the bridge he heard a second echo and saw the small island. The steamer was then put astern, and as she came to she broke. He said—continued soundings would have been of little advantage, as the water is deep up to land. The impact was so light that it was hardly felt in the engine room. He said the Camosun was a handy boat to handle.

J. Finlay, first mate, who has been on the Camosun for two and a half years, was on duty until 12 o'clock on March 6. It was snowing when the steamer left Prince Rupert, but lights could be seen for a fair distance. He considered it was quite prudent to leave the harbor. After rounding Georgia Rock buoy the weather got worse. He was on the bridge with the captain until midnight, and the master mentioned to him that he thought it would be dangerous to try to make Brown Passage. In his opinion the captain took the proper step in turning back. He too attributed the stranding to the strong set in the current. He had never experienced much set in the current before. There was a good lookout kept and the whistle was going continually.

A. Cameron, second officer, said he had been on the northern run seven years. He went on watch at midnight on March 6, and as the captain and chief officer were on the bridge he relieved the man on the lookout. It was blowing hard and snowing at the time. He left his position forward to assist in taking the soundings, and was returning to the lookout when the steamer struck. There was no one on the look-out forward while the soundings were being taken. He said the men on the bridge could see further than the man on the lookout, as they were higher. The weather was much thicker when she struck than when he went on watch.

The inquiry adjourned until this afternoon, when the second officer concluded his evidence.

EXPEDITING WORK ON MERCHANT SHIPS

How British Government Aids Builders to Complete Vessels Now on Stocks

A report was published some time ago that the British government had agreed to give financial aid to shipbuilders to enable them to finish merchant vessels now near completion. This statement has been corrected by a prominent north of England shipbuilder, who says there has been no application for financial assistance in regard to contracts, although some months ago builders did call the attention of the government to the fact that as a result of the disorganization in their work on merchant tonnage, owing to their having to take up war work in the various yards, the construction of merchant ships had been deferred, in many cases for indefinite periods. They pointed out at that time that there would be very heavy loss to the shipbuilders concerned, owing to the completion of these vessels being deferred, as they had been contracted for 18 months ago, at low prices and would have to be finished with costs at a very much higher rate.

An appeal was then made to the government that something might be done later to meet this difficulty. It was clear that shipbuilders who had this work in hand, and who were not engaged in war work, would be very seriously hit, and the balance sheets up to the end of June next would show some very remarkable figures, recording the extent to which these builders had suffered, although big yards having war work in hand would be all right. Altogether, in the case of the Wear, the losses incurred through this cause would be of a very serious nature.

There was no connection, it was pointed out, between what the government had now promised and this question of financial assistance, which might come up later. What the government was doing now was to expedite the finishing of the merchant vessels which were near completion, and this was not a question of financial help at all. The government was giving shipbuilders permission to finish merchant ships. It was not a question of their supplying labor. Builders would have to get on with the labor they had, but the government would allow them to carry on the work as rapidly as possible, regarding those merchant vessels, for the time being, as war work.

CANNERY VESSELS SAIL FOR NORTH

Large Number of Employees Are Leaving the Sound for Alaskan Plants

Seattle, March 28.—The barge J. D. Peters, owned by the Northwestern Fisheries Company, departed for Alaska to-day, towed by the tug A. B. Carpenter. The Peters and Carpenter are the vanguard of the company's cannery fleet of sixteen vessels, which serve thirteen canneries. On the Peters are sixty-five employees and a full cargo of supplies. The other vessels of the fleet are being made ready for sailing.

The large steamer Cordova and Victoria have sailed from Bellingham for Port Moller and Nelson Lagoon, carrying supplies and 500 workers for the Pacific American Fisheries Company. More canneries than usual will be served by steamers this year. The high freights have brought back into general carrying trade a number of sailing vessels formerly used as cannery boats.

WIRELESS REPORT

March 27, 8 a. m.
Point Grey—Overcast, calm; bar, 30.28; temp, 39.
Cape Lazo—Overcast, calm; bar, 30.31; temp, 24; sea smooth. Spoke S. Princes May, 12.30 a. m. in Seymour Narrows, southbound.
Pachena—Clear, N. W.; bar, 29.85; temp, 45; sea smooth.
Estevan—Clear, calm; bar, 30.08; temp, 40; sea smooth.
Triangle—Clear, S. E.; fresh; bar, 30.31; temp, 39; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Clear, N. W.; bar, 30.08; temp, 33; sea smooth. Out, 1.10 a. m. S. S. Chelohsin, southbound.
Dead Tree Point—Clear, calm; bar, 30.18; temp, 36; sea smooth.
Ikeda—Clear, calm; bar, 30.01; temp, 37; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Clear, calm; bar, 30.20; temp, 38; sea smooth.
Noon.
Point Grey—Clear; N. W.; light; bar, 30.25; temp, 45.
Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; bar, 30.26; temp, 42; sea smooth.
Pachena—Clear; N. W.; bar, 29.90; temp, 50; sea smooth.
Estevan—Clear; calm; bar, 30.10; temp, 45; sea smooth.
Triangle—Overcast; S. E.; light; bar, 30.30; temp, 44; sea smooth. Spoke str. Ravell, fogbound off Ivory Island.
Alert Bay—Clear; N. W.; bar, 30.06; temp, 46; sea smooth.
Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; S. E.; bar, 30.22; temp, 40; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Clear; S. E.; fresh; bar, 30.18; temp, 42; sea smooth.

JAPAN AT HONGKONG.

The C. P. R. Oriental liner Empress of Japan arrived at Hongkong on schedule time on March 24.

Sailed: Fr bgn Bonchamp, for Europe. San Pedro, March 27.—The str Mayfair arrived to-day from Balboa and way ports, and, after taking fuel and stores, proceeded to San Francisco to discharge her cargo. Lumber carriers arriving to-day were the str Neacum and Brunswick, from Eureka; str James S. Higgins, from Mendocino, and the str Shna-Yak, from Tacoma and Everett. The Higgins proceeded to Redondo Beach and the Shna-Yak sailed for San Diego with partial cargoes. The str Congress arrived from San Diego to-day and proceeded to San Francisco and Puget Sound.

Aberdeen, March 27.—Arrived: Strs Carmel and Svea, from San Francisco. Victoria, B. C., March 27.—Arrived: Str Werribee, from Vancouver, B. C., for Sydney, via San Francisco; str Governor, from San Francisco, at 3.10 p. m. Sailed: Str Governor, for Seattle, at 5 p. m.

Nanaimo, B. C., March 27.—Arrived: Str Thor, from San Francisco. Seattle, March 27.—Arrived: Str Governor, from San Francisco, via San Francisco and Victoria, B. C.; bk Marchal de Villars, Valparaiso, in tow of tug Richard Holyoke; str Mukilteo, San Francisco, via Port Angeles and Victoria; str Benjamin F. Packard, Eagle Harbor, in tow of tug Pioneer; str Abner Coburn, Port Blakely, in tow of tug Pioneer; str Henrietta, Tacoma; str Northland, British Columbia ports; str Honolulu, Tacoma; str Queen, Tacoma, via Everett; str Eastholm, British Columbia ports; str Fulton, British Columbia ports; U. S. L. S. Relief No 92, cruise; str Prince Rupert, Prince Rupert, B. C., via way ports. Sailed: Str Admiral Farragut, Southwestern, via Southeastern Alaska; str Morning Star, British Columbia ports; str Eastholm, Ladysmith, B. C.; str Henrietta, Anyox, B. C.; str Prince Rupert, Prince Rupert, B. C., via way ports.

Callao, March 24.—Arrived: Str Alvarado, from San Francisco. Yokohama, March 24.—Arrived: Str Awa Maru, from Seattle for Hongkong. Rich, March 25.—Arrived: Str Kiya Maru, from San Francisco. Guayaquil, March 25.—Arrived: Str Baja California, from Tacoma, via Port Angeles and San Pedro.

FISHING TENDER TOWED INTO PRINCE RUPERT

Volanti, Abandoned During Heavy January Gale, Brought Back

Prince Rupert, March 28.—After having been abandoned as sinking in the fury of a January gale off the Alaska coast, and drifting for three months to and fro at the mercy of the wide Pacific ocean, the fishing tender Volanti, registered at Seattle, and operating out of Portlberg, Alaska, was towed into Prince Rupert harbor this morning. The fishing power boat Anita, Capt. Polo, and the fishing boat Tulidi, Capt. Smith, discovered the derelict plunging in the heavy weather off Banks Island yesterday and salvaged the vessel. The Volanti, as she lies in the harbor, looks an illustration for "The Ancient Mariner." Her foremast remains standing. Her rigging is fouled and dragging. Her bowsprit is white by the waves and sun during her long drift. Her hull is trailing yards of weeds but is still sound. On board of her are several tons of valuable fishing gear, for she supplied the fleets of Alaska with new equipment. It is said that she was sighted six weeks or so ago well out in the Pacific by a Japanese liner and must have drifted in a wide circle to Bank's Island. The town was alive with rumors of skeletons found aboard of her by her sailors, but this is not so as her crew left her in their dories during the gale that carried away her mainmast in January and are believed to have reached the Alaskan coast safely.

TIDE TABLE.

Date.	Time H. T. M.	Time H. T. M.	Time H. T. M.	Time H. T. M.
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2	5:24 7.8	7:30 7.0	12:24 8.4	3:00 2.1
3	5:54 7.7	8:24 6.1	13:32 8.1	3:40 2.7
4	6:25 7.5	9:15 5.2	14:37 7.7	4:22 3.5
5	6:58 7.3	10:05 4.5	15:43 7.3	5:04 4.4
6	7:31 7.1	10:55 3.8	16:49 6.9	5:46 5.2
7	8:04 6.9	11:45 3.1	17:55 6.5	6:28 6.0
8	8:37 6.7	12:35 2.4	19:01 6.1	7:10 6.8
9	9:10 6.5	13:25 1.7	20:07 5.7	7:52 7.6
10	9:43 6.3	14:15 1.0	21:13 5.3	8:34 8.4
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SEEK TO AVOID A DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION

A meeting is in progress this afternoon between a committee of aldermen and the marine agent, Capt. Robertson, with regard to the buildings of the department on the new wharf. The conditions as approved last week by the committee are regarded as too stringent by the agent, and he says it will be necessary to send the plans back to Ottawa for confirmation unless the city modifies the conditions under which the buildings are to be erected. To avoid delay, and obtain an arrangement acceptable to both parties, the conference is being held to-day.

MAKURA FROM AUCKLAND.

The Canadian-Australian liner Makura sailed from Auckland on March 21.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Portland, Ore., March 27.—Arrived: Str Johan Poulsen, from San Francisco; Sailed: Jap str Bankoku Maru, for Shanghai; Jap str F. H. Buck, for San Francisco; str Oleum, for Monterey. San Francisco, March 27.—Arrived: Str Northern Pacific, from Astoria; str Yellowstone, from Coos Bay; str Sierra, from Sydney; str President, from Seattle; str California, from Taitai; Sailed: Str Providencia, from Santa Rosalia; str Adelaide Smith and Daisy Gadsby, for Coos Bay; str Gray's Harbor, for Willapa Harbor. Astoria, Ore., March 27.—Arrived: Br bgn Invergarry, from Pernambuco.

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Showing a remarkable reversal of
fate in the second period of their
time with the Y.M.C.A. Business Men,
the First Presbyterian Church Busi-
ness Men's basketball quintette won
the deciding game of the home-and-
away series last night, 30 to 17. In the
opening half the Y.M.'s outplayed their
opponents and led at the interval by
8 to 8. It appeared at this stage of
the game that they would win, but the
resbyterians came on with a rush
and the resumption of play, and com-
pletely smothered the Y's. Kennedy
led the resbyterians, scoring 12 points,
while the Presbyterian forwards were
too fast for the "Y." guards, and
on ran up a big score.

The first game of the series was won
by the resbyterians. Their second
winning resulted in a somewhat easy
victory for Y.M.C.A. The third and de-
ciding game was quite one-sided.
The teams lined up as follows: Pres-
byterians—Billie Kennedy and J. Mc-
Kechnie, centre; J. McKeech, centre;
Forman and A. Charlesworth, for-
wards.

Y.M.C.A.—Beattie and Knott,
guards; Another, centre; Todd and
Neill, guards.

Accept Challenge.

The First Presbyterian Church bas-
ketball five have accepted the chal-
lenge of the V.I.A.A.A. basketball five.
It is desired that the game be
played in the Y.M.C.A. if arrangements
can be made for the use of the gym-
nasium.

W. H. Davies, of the V.I.A.A.A., is
strongly in favor of a home-and-home
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SPORTING NEWS

BOSTON SHOULD BE A PENNANT CONTENDER

Stallings Appears to Have
Well-Balanced Aggregation;
Konetchy Strengthens Club

Boston's Braves appear to be fairly
much of the class of the National
League. They promise to get away
from the April barrier with more speed
and power than ever before, and if they
jump into a commanding lead through
April and May it may require some
desperate sprinting to head them.

The Stallings crew this year seems
to have more reserve force and a husk-
ier wallow than ever before. It is
strong in every department and espe-
cially so in the pitchers' box, where it
was so weak in 1915.

Here is the army of pitchers that
the "Miracle Man" is to choose from in
deciding upon his hurling corps:

James, the big right-hander, who
performed so brilliantly in 1914. His
arm, which failed him last year, is said
to be back in old-time form.

Rudolph, the slow ball pitcher, and
the Boston mainstay for the past two
seasons.

"Lefty" Tyler, the other portion of
that "fireless trio" of 1914.

Art Nehf, the brilliant southpaw,
whose hurling feats helped to keep the
Bostonians in the 1915 battle for so
long a time.

Pat Ragon, who began the 1915 sea-
son with Brooklyn, but ended it with
Boston in a blaze of glory by winning
16 out of 27 games.

George Davis, a great prospect—the
same youth who shot out the Phillies
in 1914 and didn't allow them a hit.

Paul Strand, a youngster with the
Braves for two years, who is about ripe
now.

Frank Allen, winner of 23 out of 36
games for the 1915 Pittsburgh Reds.

Elmer Knetzer, a veteran major
league, and the victor in 18 of his 22
hurling duels for the Pittsburgs.

Is it any wonder that Stallings re-
cently said that he wasn't worrying
about his pitchers?

However, the catching department is
a "goat-getter." The Braves' boss
must choose for first string man be-
tween "Hank" Gowdy and a second
string catcher in a youth named Black-
burn. The latter is a great receiver,
but not a terror with the mace.

The outfield regulars will be chosen
from among Sherwood Magee, Fred
Snodgrass and Joe Connolly, with the
Braves last year; Edgar Collins with
the Pirates, and a chap named Compton,
who whaled the pellet for 340 or so
in the 1915 American Association.

It wouldn't be surprising if the Magee-
Compton-Snodgrass combination was
the one chosen to start the season.

The Braves' infield is speeded up by
the addition of Ed Konetchy. Before
"Big Ed" jumped to the Pittsburgh Reds
last season he ranked as the best first
baseman in the National League.

He is fast, a great fielder, a hard hitter,
and full of "pep." He'll team up well
with Johnny Evers, at second; "Rab-
bit" Maranville, at short, and "Red"
Smith on the third corner.

Outside of the catching department,
the Braves seem all-powerful. And
who knows but what Whaling will
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POPULAR OFFICIAL WITH WESTERN SCOTS

Cpl. Duncan Bain, Former
President of Soccer League
Supporter of the Game

One of the most prominent figures in
British Columbia soccer circles is now
en route to the front with the 67th
Battalion, in the person of Corporal
Duncan Bain. This popular soccer of-
ficial first became known in local soc-
cer circles as manager of the Garrison,
when that team was at a low ebb. By
successful coaching by Bain the team
developed into one of the best in the
city, and arose from the bottom of the
rank to the top, winning the Victoria
and District soccer league champion-
ship, and only lost the Morley cup af-
ter a close play-off with the celebrated
Victoria West team.

Later Mr. Bain became a delegate of
the Victoria Football Association. He
was so thoroughly acquainted with the
fine points of the game that he was
elected president of the league, and
proved himself to be one of the

most efficient heads the league ever
had. When the British Columbia Foot-
ball Association was first mooted, Mr.
Bain took up the Victoria end, and to-
gether with Dave Leith, of Vancouver,
put the association on a firm footing.
He was the first delegate to that body
from Victoria.

The following year he was the popu-
lar choice from Vancouver for presi-
dent of the provincial body of the B.
C. F. A., but owing to his enlistment
with the Western Scots for overseas
service he refused the invitation.

He was instrumental in organizing the
Peden Cup series on a knockout
system, while he also organized the
Jackson Cup competition.

During his period as head of the lo-
cal football body Mr. Bain arranged
several inter-city games, and also
brought about better feeling with the
Vancouver and Victoria teams.

At the close of last season all the
delegates tried to influence him to re-
main with the association, which he
brought to a close with the best re-
sults ever attained, both financially and
otherwise.

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AL DAVIES ACCEPTS HILL'S CHALLENGE

Featherweights Will Probably
Be Brought Together at V.
I. A. A. Tournament

At Davies, the clever V. I. A. A. A.
125-pound boxer, has accepted Pte. Billy
Hill's challenge, which appeared in
yesterday afternoon's papers, and the
pair will probably be matched to pro-
vide the main event at the V. I. A. A.
A. tournament scheduled for April
3. A bout between them would be a
great drawing card, as great rivalry
exists, and both would have a great
number of admirers who would very
much like to see them come together
to settle the argument as to who is the
premier 125-pounder of the city.

Another feature which will be put on
at the tournament will be the flyweight
competition for boxers scaling 100
pounds and under. A number of
youngsters have been working out at
the club quarters and W. H. Davies is
planning to stage a competition.

To-night a contingent of entries for
the tournament from the B. C. Ban-
tam Battalion will work out at the
V. I. A. A. quarters, and it is an-
ticipated from the heavy advance list
of entries that there will be a record
entry list.

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Prairie Farm to Trade

I have for exchange a prairie farm consisting of 1,440 acres, situated a short distance from Moose Jaw on the main C. P. R. line. All necessary buildings, out-houses, fences; free city water. Will accept a good Victoria home and assume any mortgage. What have you to offer? Further particulars at

P. R. BROWN

Money to Loan

Insurance Written

1112 Broad St.

Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for:

19, 44, 60, 68, 87, 107, 109, 140, 147, 150, 200, 207, 214, 219, 241, 257, 1250, 1658, 1684, 1691, 1704, 1706, 1732, 1739, 1741, 1750, 1753, 1758, 1815, 1857, 1867, 1882, 1929, 1936, 2172, 2205, 2201, 2254, 2321, 2344, R. F. 12, 13.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIGGONISM.—One's success is usually measured accurately by one's friends. Diggon, a young man, 160 Yates street. We make good show cards.

THERE'S A "KNOW HOW" in pressing clothing. "Our Service" 1414 St. Cooper & Bots, 1414 St. Cooper & Bots.

CEMENT BUILDING.—Cement for sale, about 1,000 yds. Carpet cleaner to rent at \$2 per day. Ferris, Phone 1879.

LUMBER.—Chests, mouldings, sashes, etc., large or small quantities. E. W. Whittington, Lumber Co., 1414 Bridge street and Hillside avenue. Phone 2607.

E. G. SANDERS, upholsterer and auto trimmer for repairs. Phone 4031R, 1212.

ESQUIMALT.—Finest dry fir cordwood, free from knots, easy to split, \$6.50 per cord. Walker, 614 Esquimalt road. Phone 555X.

DANCE at Progress Temple, Pandora avenue, Mann's orchestra, 25c, Wednesday next, 8 till 11.

FOR SALE.—1910 donkey engine, with main and backhaul lines, \$60. D. Sanderson, Milne's Landing, B. C.

WANTED.—Five or six roomed house, close in, modern in every respect; careful tenants. Box 227, Times.

FOR SALE.—Good Singer sewing machine, drop-head, corner Roberts and Dalrymple streets, George, Phone 4739.

WANTED.—Girl for general house work. Apply 2401 Quadra street. Bon Air Apt.

WANTED.—Smart boy, from 15 to 17, apply 1235 Sunnyside avenue, Victoria.

WANTED.—At once, messenger, with bicycle. Muttie & Son, Sayward Bldg.

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LOST.—On Monday, 24th inst., a lady's silver chain necklace and pocket watch, between 126 Ontario street and Superior Street Grocery. Finder kindly return to above address.

LOST.—Watch, ginnel in tan wristlet, between McIntyre, Quadra and Blanshard streets, Saturday, Reward. The Aberdeen, McClure street.

TO LET.—Two nicely furnished houses, 5 and 7 rooms, \$21 and \$25 per month, on St. Charles and Grand streets. Dalrymple & Lawson, 615 Fort street.

LET RUFFLE SUPPLY you with a bicycle. This week only \$25.50 cash, regular price \$35. 706 Yates street.

YOUR CHANCE.—Bicycle week. National bicycle, ladies' or grand \$25.50. Or if you now from Ruffie, 706 Yates street. Phone 562.

COOK-STOVE wanted. Box 223, Times.

FOR RENT.—Four-room house, with water, three minutes' walk from school, \$5 per month. G. A. Knight, Jr., 101, Tomlin.

WANTED.—Furniture of 4 or 5 roomed house for cash. S. H. J. Mason, Phone 3101.

TENDERS FOR PILES.—Wanted, 16 piles with bark on, 60 to 90 feet long, not less than 10 inches dia., at small end, delivered at Esquimalt Harbor or near coast point. Address offers to P. H. Box 1265, Victoria, B. C.

MACHINERY AND LOOM MOULDERS wanted to correspond immediately with Western Dry Dock & Ship Building Company, Limited, Port Arthur, Ont.

WANTED.—Responsible person to take charge of three children during afternoon. Apply morning or evening, 329 Pemberton street, Victoria.

TO LET.—Seven roomed house, close in. Apply 2315 West street. Phone 4822R.

WANTED.—Two girls, at Room 4, Arcade Bldg. Jones & Co., photographers.

TO LET.—Three bright, unfurnished, housekeeping rooms, close to beach, B. C. 727, 729, 731, 733, 735, 737, 739, 741, 743, 745, 747, 749, 751, 753, 755, 757, 759, 761, 763, 765, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777, 779, 781, 783, 785, 787, 789, 791, 793, 795, 797, 799, 801, 803, 805, 807, 809, 811, 813, 815, 817, 819, 821, 823, 825, 827, 829, 831, 833, 835, 837, 839, 841, 843, 845, 847, 849, 851, 853, 855, 857, 859, 861, 863, 865, 867, 869, 871, 873, 875, 877, 879, 881, 883, 885, 887, 889, 891, 893, 895, 897, 899, 901, 903, 905, 907, 909, 911, 913, 915, 917, 919, 921, 923, 925, 927, 929, 931, 933, 935, 937, 939, 941, 943, 945, 947, 949, 951, 953, 955, 957, 959, 961, 963, 965, 967, 969, 971, 973, 975, 977, 979, 981, 983, 985, 987, 989, 991, 993, 995, 997, 999, 1001, 1003, 1005, 1007, 1009, 1011, 1013, 1015, 1017, 1019, 1021, 1023, 1025, 1027, 1029, 1031, 1033, 1035, 1037, 1039, 1041, 1043, 1045, 1047, 1049, 1051, 1053, 1055, 1057, 1059, 1061, 1063, 1065, 1067, 1069, 1071, 1073, 1075, 1077, 1079, 1081, 1083, 1085, 1087, 1089, 1091, 1093, 1095, 1097, 1099, 1101, 1103, 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URGED THE NEED OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Canada Must Secure Share of
Trade After War, Said
Lemieux

Ottawa, March 28.—A resolution moved by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux urging that measures be taken at the earliest opportunity to give effect to the report of the commission on technical education, was debated at great length in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Lemieux said that statistics of labor exchanges showed that the majority of unemployed were unskilled laborers. Technical education was needed to improve the conditions of the laboring people. The Dominion Trades Congress, many boards of trade and public opinion generally were in favor of more progressive measures in regard to technical education. While the provinces had responded to these demands in a creditable manner, there still remained much to be done.

Mr. Lemieux said that it was claimed that the Dominion had no jurisdiction, that it was entirely a provincial matter. The Dominion supported a military college and a naval school and assisted in agricultural education. Technical education was a matter of national concern. After the war there would be tremendous industrial competition, and it was the Dominion's duty to see it captured its share of the trade of the world. He quoted from the report of the unemployment commission of Ontario, of which Sir John Willison was chairman, to indicate the importance of this body placed on technical training.

Mr. Lemieux quoted Sir Alfred Mond as stating in the British House that no amount of legislation or treaties would deprive the Germans of the advantage they had unless the British people were prepared to improve along lines of technical education and take full advantage of their resources. He emphasized the recommendation of the commission that \$3,350,000 a year should be set aside for ten years as a "national" development fund. This sum, the commission had recommended, could be paid over to the provinces on a basis of population. Mr. Lemieux said that he would conclude his remarks with a question. He would like to know from the minister of labor, on behalf of the government and the department he represented what at the present moment was the policy of the government as regards technical education and the conclusions and recommendations of the royal commission.

DARDANELLES WILL NOT BE NEUTRALIZED

Petrograd, March 28.—That no agreement exists between the Entente Powers for the neutralization of the Dardanelles was the statement made in the Duma yesterday by the minister of foreign affairs, M. Sazonov. The statement was in reply to a member of the Duma who was commenting on reports current that such an agreement existed. M. Sazonov said no agreement would satisfy the Russian people, who felt it was absolutely necessary that Russia should have a free outlet to the Mediterranean.

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AUDITOR HODGES ON STAND AT VANCOUVER

Joseph Martin, K.C., Cross-Examines Him in Dominion Trust Suits

Vancouver, March 28.—A rigorous cross-examination of Walter E. Hodges, of the auditing firm of Riddell, Stead, Hodges & Winter, auditors for the Dominion Trust Company, was the feature of the evidence given before Chief Justice Hunter to-day in the suits for \$200,000 disputed insurance on the life of W. R. Arnold. Mr. Hodges had been called as a defence witness by the insurance companies to show that Arnold before his death had confessed to having done certain unnamed things for which he feared he would be sent to the penitentiary.

The opportunity of having the auditor of the Dominion Trust Company in the witness box was one that Joseph Martin, K.C., counsel for the Dominion Trust liquidator, made use of. He produced a copy of the auditor's report to the directors and a copy of the printed report to the shareholders and demanded to know why the matter of the mixture of the trust and company funds, which had been pointed out to the directors, had been suppressed in the report to the shareholders, who had voted to appoint the auditors to office.

The auditor held his ground in the witness box. At first his answers were incoherent and in a gruff undertone.

"Ask me reasonable questions if you expect reasonable answers," he told Mr. Martin.

More Extended Answers.

As the cross-examination progressed he ventured on more extended answers, and finally into a defence of his own firm's part in the matter. He insisted that the Dominion Trust Company had had only a nominal amount of trust funds in hand at any time. His definition of trust funds, he said, was "funds from insolvent estates and from executors' estates." Money sent from investors in Great Britain for investment in mortgages were ordinary agency investments and not trust funds, he maintained, with all respect for what the lawyers and the courts might think.

The clothes which Arnold wore on the fateful morning when he met his death in his garage at Shaughnessy Heights were produced in court. The underclothes, explained the undertaker when asked to produce them, had been burned by his assistants for sanitary reasons a few days after the tragedy.

By a coincidence, the undertaker, Thomas Edwards, happened to be the undertaker who had taken away the body of Arnold's father from the Yale hotel after he had met his death there in 1908 from carbolic acid poisoning. It was W. R. Arnold, he said, who had instructed him to remove the body, had paid for the funeral and had attended with other members of the family. This fact was brought out by the defence counsel as part of their case to show that W. R. Arnold had wilfully deceived them when he filled in the form stating that his father had died of pneumonia.

Other Witnesses.

Other witnesses included Game Warden Bryan Williams, who testified that Arnold had never taken out a license to carry firearms for hunting purposes; and Lieut. J. I. Simpson, formerly assistant treasurer of the Dominion Trust, who witnessed the will made by Arnold hours before he died, though dated several months ahead. Even the landlord of Arnold's home was called by the insurance companies to testify that at the time of Arnold's death there was a matter of \$2525 rent overdue.

Mr. Hodges had given his evidence in chief yesterday afternoon and his cross examination was resumed this morning by Joseph Martin, K.C.

"Did you never find out what was going on—whether these things were going on in the old company?" he demanded.

Was Continuous.

"I did not bother to go far back. I will concede that it was continuous," admitted Mr. Hodges, referring to the state of the accounts whereby Arnold had taken money from the Dominion Trust for his own speculations.

"How was it that your firm as auditors did not discover that these moneys were being lent out without any security?"

"I will not concede that no securities were given. Even if they were, the old Dominion Trust Company had power under its charter to lend money without security."

"You mean to say you, appointed by the shareholders to act as auditor, deliberately and knowingly allowed a million dollars to be handed out without securities?"

In 1914. It was nearer \$500,000. But what you call a million—for the most part went out in 1914. There is no report from my firm since December 31, 1915.

"Do you not think it was your duty to inform them that Arnold was taking money out in another name in 1915?"

"Well, everybody was taking money out then. It takes some time to catch on to these things. The greater part of this occurred in 1914," said Mr. Hodges.

Mr. Martin questioned the witness in regard to his knowledge of the law preventing the mixing of trust and general funds and the witness admitted that the Dominion Trust had not observed this law.

"Yes, they had no time to do it," snapped back Mr. Martin, as he took up the auditor's report to the directors and compared it with that to the shareholders.

"Why is that part drawing attention to the trust and general funds suppressed in the shareholders' report?" demanded Mr. Martin.

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New York, March 28.—Herr Van der Goltz, alias Bridgman Taylor, who is said to have been sentenced to death in England as a spy, arrived here to-day on the steamship Finland from Liverpool to give evidence to the government concerning conspiracies to provide German warships at sea with coal and provisions. Van der Goltz was a prisoner for some time in the Tower of London, his custodians said, but was promised that his life would be spared if he would come to this country and tell this government what he knew concerning the conspiracies to commit unlawful acts.

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Financial News

INTERNATIONAL COAL IS EIGHT CENTS BID

Some Issues Go in Opposite Direction and Holders Loath to Keep Them

The bid for International Coal rose to 85 and it was hard to detect offerings in the market, although in Spokane sellers were asking 15. Canada Copper and Howe Sound dropped off noticeably. Obviously the retarding influence in these two issues and Standard Lead, and in some others to a lesser degree, is the Ottawa taxing proposal, which has put holders of these securities in a nervous predicament.

Coronation was at a standstill, but was none the less a target for inquiry. Dings at the mine are being watched closely by interests having faith in the property.

It seems an eternal question as to when renewed confidence will be restored in American financial centres, for leaders in exchange markets appear afraid to venture far from the shore as long as submarine matters are being challenged.

Blackbird Syndicate \$10.00
Can. Copper Co. 1.75
Crown's Nest Coal 70.00
Can. Cons. S. & R. 148.00
Coronation Gold 151.00
Granby 80.00
Int. Coal & Coke Co.85
Lucky Jim Zinc04
McGillivray Coal12
Portland Cement24
Rambler Cariboo016
Standard Lead 1.50
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Stewart M. & D.75
Stewart Land20
Victoria Phoenix Brew. 115.00

Unlisted.
American Marconi 3.40
Canadian Marconi 1.00
Gibson Creek03
Island Investment 20.00
Union Club (Deb.), new 40
Do. old 99
Western Can. P. Mills 102.00
University School D.B. 100.00
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Five-Gallon Crocks and Covers, each... 1.58
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CIVIC BY-LAW FIXES YEAR'S APPROPRIATION

Expenditure of \$1,773,685 is Authorized; Pandora Avenue Improvement Discussed

The civic expenditure by-law, with some minor changes, was carried to the third reading in city council last evening.

The explanatory statement of Alderman McNeill, chairman of the finance committee, showed that the figures of the three years were as follows: 1914 assessment \$89,000,000, expenditure \$2,466,000, rate 20 mills; 1915 assessment \$81,000,000, expenditure \$2,001,600, rate 18 mills. The assessment this year, unrevised, is \$70,000,000, and the by-law provided, he said, for an expenditure of \$1,773,685.

He thought the statement a good answer to critics who had charged the council with extravagance. The assessment on land had been reduced \$19,000,000 in two years, but he had hoped to see a still greater reduction this year.

After hearing Alderman Bell, president of the Y.M.C.A., the council appropriated \$1,000, the amount which had been set aside for the entertainment of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, and which sum will not now be wanted, plus \$250 additional, towards the Y.M.C.A. funds. This sum of \$1,250 is about two-thirds of the annual taxes borne by the institution, including local improvement.

Following the reading of a letter from the Civic Improvement Association protesting against the vote of \$7,000 to the Victoria and Island Development Association, Alderman Dillworth moved for a reduction, but only Alderman Walker supported him, and the figure stood as set.

Alderman Todd again challenged the appropriation of \$5,000 towards the improvement of the newer portion of Pandora avenue. He urged the small amount of business developing in that section. Alderman McNeill said he was interested not so much for the people having property on the avenue as extended, but for the people in the lower paved part of the street, who had no highway to Oak Bay, and the public generally in relieving the pressure on Fort street. However he agreed to a committee composed of Aldermen Porter, Todd, Johns, Dillworth and Bell, making a report on the matter to the next meeting.

AGRICULTURAL LOAN

Premier Announces Borrowing of Million Dollars for the Farmers.

Premier Bowser makes the announcement through the usual medium that he has concluded a loan for the purpose of making loans of cheap money to farmers under the agricultural credits act.

The tender of McNeill and Young, of Toronto, has been accepted out of nine bids for the loan of one million dollars. The bonds are to run for twenty-five years and bear interest at 4½ per cent. They are being sold at \$2.25, which means that the rate of interest on the amount the province actually receives will be 5.63 per cent. By the terms of the act the charges of management are not to exceed one per cent.

An Irish company were manning a trench at the front with a short distance of the German trenches, when a shell exploded close by, burying one of their number in the earth. The others made all haste to rescue him, and called to him to cheer up, as he would soon be free. "Are you all right, Mick?" they inquired anxiously. "Yes, but for goodness' sake get me out at once!" "We'll do that in next to no time, for Maloney is helping, and you know what he is." "Sure, I do that! But ask him to stop off the ruins! I've enough on top of me without him!"

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BOWSER SPENDING TWO DOLLARS FOR ONE OF REVENUE

(Continued from page 1.)

there are votes for salaries and traveling expenses in these branches totaling \$190,500.

The bulk vote for traveling expenses of officials on duty is \$40,000, cut in two from last year, but there are the votes just mentioned for the same purpose and special items of \$65,000 in the attorney-general's department and of \$25,000 in the agriculture department.

Under Heading.

For the first time in the estimates the expenditure in aid of agriculture, other than salaries, appears under a heading so that it can be readily found. Instead of forming a part of the miscellaneous vote, there is a marked cut in the amount, though, in spite of all that has been claimed by and for the government as friends of the farmer. The aggregate of the votes last year was \$229,000, and this year it is \$176,500. Items cut out since last year are \$4,000 aid to poultry shows and \$1,500 for demonstration spraying. The amount to be voted as compensation to owners of slaughtered tuberculosis class is reduced from \$25,000 to \$10,000.

Education, which vote in this budget speech of the last session of the thirteenth parliament he was not going to enter into a history of the McBride government. Nevertheless, he went into all the old story of bad times and political turmoil when party government was brought into force by Mr. McBride in 1903. There had followed, he said, a period of prosperity, of too much prosperity, in fact; but up to the end of 1913 no one blamed the government for the money they were making. The great expenditures made by the government in those years would be found in future years to be yielding interest on the investment, and if not spent then would not be available for spending now.

Educational Vote Cut.

The cut of \$70,000 in the vote for educational purposes falls largely on agricultural education, reduced from \$65,000 to \$20,000, and the per capita grant to city, rural and municipality schools, cut by \$50,000. There is an increase of \$30,000 in the sum appropriated to pay salaries of teachers in assisted schools. The vote for manual training equipment is cut down by one third.

There is an increase of \$270,000 in the amount required on account of the public debt, by far the greater part of the increase being under the head of sinking fund, for which there is needed \$612,141 as against \$360,254 in the current year. This is made necessary on account of the "wonderful" financing of the premier in placing the loan for \$3,120,000 last year.

General Election Expenses.

The increase in the vote for legislation is explained by the \$70,000 taken for the expenses of the general election and the \$8,000 necessary to pay seasonal indemnities to five more members in the next parliament.

The vote for the agent-general's office, including the agent-general's salary, clerical assistance and advertising, is \$35,000, the \$5,000 extra being for Sir Richard's salary at \$10,000 instead of Mr. Turner's \$10,000.

Constituency grants under the roads, streets, bridges and wharves vote, the size of which betokens the approaching election, range downwards from \$125,000 for Skeena and \$123,000 for Carleton to \$2,500 for Saanich. Some of the items of more or less local interest are: Alberni, \$22,500; Comox, \$25,500; Cowichan, \$23,500; Esquimalt, \$36,000; The Islands, \$27,000; Nanaimo city, \$9,000; Newcastle, \$24,500. For road construction by interned aliens \$50,000 is proposed. \$20,000 is the government's contribution towards paying main roads in Saanich, \$2,000 for the completion of the road up Little Saanich Mountain to the observatory, \$9,000 for a road in Strathcona Park, \$150,000 for a bridge over the Fraser river at Fort George, \$450,000 for bridges generally, \$5,000 for location of roads, \$10,000 for protection of river banks and \$5,000 for road machinery.

Buildings in London.

The completion and maintenance of the provincial government buildings in London calls for \$175,000. The maintenance of the Normal school here costs \$8,000, repairs to the parliament buildings will cost \$14,500, and Government House repairs, furniture, fuel, light and garden upkeep, \$17,000. There is \$15,000 appropriated under the head of Saanich prison farm works and buildings, and a similar sum for the improvement of the government grounds, Victoria. For the mental hospital at Essondale there is a vote for buildings of \$17,500, for the nursery \$12,000 and for the colony farm, once the pride of the late provincial secretary, only \$4,000.

The premium for the insurance of the parliament buildings is \$16,500 and the special guard on the buildings costs \$1,500. Chauffeurs' wages, garage supplies and expenses, at the government garage on Superior and Menzies streets, call for \$4,000, and there is \$20,000 for extra janitors and janitors' supplies.

Miscellaneous.

"Miscellaneous" is still a very large vote, but nothing like what it has been, and with the three biggest items out it would be reduced to really modest limits. The three are \$250,000 as a rebate of the advance made last session to the Minister of Finance on account of the two Dominion Trust bonds—London Guarantee and Accident Company for \$50,000 against trust funds, and Railway Passengers' Assurance Company for \$200,000 against creditors—to be used in anticipation of collection by the government from the companies; \$240,000 for Songhees reserve improvements and \$200,000 as a conditional grant to the governors of the university. Superannuation allowances will require \$33,000. The returned soldiers' aid commission gets \$15,000 and the provincial branch of the Canadian patriotic fund \$6,000. The city of Rossland is given a grant of \$12,000 for municipal purposes, and the city of Phoenix \$4,000, while the British Columbia regiments of militia will divide \$5,000 between them.

The hospitals and charities vote shows an increase, largely because of an extra \$15,000 in grants to hospitals and an increase from \$14,000 to \$16,000 in the amount available as assistance in building hospitals. There is no increase in the number of districts assisted in the maintenance of a resident physician.

The Budget Speech.

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SAYS WAR KILLS OFF BEST TYPES OF MEN

Major Darwin Fears Multiplication of Unfit Menaces the Future

The racial damage which has been done to the people of Europe by the killing and maiming of the higher types of manhood was discussed recently by Major Leonard Darwin, a son of Charles Darwin, the naturalist, at a meeting of the Royal Statistical Society.

In the course of his paper on "The Statistical Inquiries Needed After the War in Connection with Eugenics" Major Darwin stated that the British casualties might be about 6½ per cent. of all the fighting men available, while those of the Germans were about 20 or 30 per cent.

Major Darwin stated that unquestionably the war was killing off the better types of men. He pointed out that the active causes of the racial damage would not cease with the war because the birth rates of the higher types would continue to be adversely affected. Only those born in the last eighteen years would be entirely undamaged by the war, he said, and it would be increasingly necessary during the next twenty years to emphasize the fact that in cases where both parents are fairly healthy it is unscientific and immoral to limit the size of the family, except in view of bringing the children up in comfort.

He stated that the racial damage would be at its worst when peace was declared. The checking of the multiplication of the unfit would never be more needed than then, he added.

Prof. Arthur Keith, conservator of the museum and Hunterian professor of the Royal College of Surgeons, when interviewed on the subject at the Royal College of Surgeons by a representative of the Pall Mall Gazette, said he was not aware of the existence of any statistics which went to show that the stature of the French nation diminished after the Napoleonic wars.

"It is," he said, "a very important question how far the physical and mental condition of the nation will be affected by the war. I do not believe there is any basis for the inference which were drawn from the Napoleonic wars."

"The question is: 'Are we losing our best men?' There is no doubt we are losing our bravest men. The men of the highest physical courage, of the highest patriotism, have volunteered, but have these men left children behind? If they have, and, of course, we know they have, then the nation cannot be affected as a whole."

"It should be remembered that our males up to the age of 18 remain untouched and that part of the population cannot be injured. What, however, must be the condition of Germany? If I look around I see 25 families within my own knowledge who have been hit, but if a German professor looks around he will be able to count ten times as many."

"There is another point to consider: The men who are most eminent, fitted for our modern civilization—for our industrial civilization—are not the bravest men of the nation at all. The extremely brave man is of no use in business whatever; he is of no use in industrial life. It is nonsense to talk about war being the cause of the catastrophe of eliminating the best men."

"Warfare goes on in the industrial world, but the warfare of the industrial world is waged by competition, not bravery. In the one case it is physical courage, bravery, that counts, in the other versatility and brains."

"I've never any pity for conscripted people, because I think they carry their comfort about with them—George Eliot."

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The case was one of assault and battery. The witness had just given his story of what he had seen, when the magistrate turned on him in surprise.

"Do you mean to tell the court, sir," he asked, "that you watched the prisoners set on this old man, throw him on the ground, hit him with a piece of iron pipe and then steal his watch?"

"Yes, your worship," replied the witness, calmly. "And yet you did not interfere—you made no attempt to save him from them?" asked the magistrate again. "Oh, no!" replied the witness. "You see, I thought they were acting for a cinema show."

Mistakes are easy; mistakes are inevitable. But there is no mistake so great as the mistake of not going on.—Jex Blake.

WESTERN SCOTS THANK PEOPLE OF VICTORIA

Major Harbottle Writes From Calgary in Regard to Payment of Battalion Accounts

The following communication was received to-day from Major C. C. Harbottle, third in command of the 6th Battalion, Western Scots, and mailed from Calgary, March 28. In a covering letter Major Harbottle, on behalf of the battalion, thanks the people of Victoria for the hearty send-off given the men last Friday afternoon. He writes: "The send-off by the citizens of Victoria is something we can never forget, and is indeed a stimulus to all ranks to uphold the reputation already gained in the city of Victoria. We again thank you for your great assistance in building up a battalion unjustly criticized at the outset, to what surely must be considered a well disciplined and creditable body of men. We believe that the behavior and orderly manner in which the unit marched to the wharf and embarked promptly on time will for ever lay to rest the unjust, though not by any means universal, appellation of 'Ross's Western'."



MAJOR C. C. HARBOTTLE.

Toughs" so much resented by all our ranks."

The communication referred to reads as follows:

"So far as the commanding officer and the financial staff of the Western Scots are aware all bills incurred by the battalion were settled. Owing to the great pressure of work which naturally attends the departure of troops the business of writing cheques for creditors was delayed and somewhat rushed at the last minute. The manager of the Union Bank very kindly arranged to distribute the cheques. If any accounts were overlooked it was owing to the fact that bills were not rendered, or were mislaid. If any such bills exist they should be presented to the manager of the Union Bank who has kindly consented to forward them to the commanding officer in England."

"All ranks are greatly aware of the kindness and generous treatment meted out to them by the citizens of Victoria, and felt that the least they could do to reciprocate and show their appreciation of this treatment would be to leave Victoria free of debt. We go away with a profound feeling of gratitude towards the people of Victoria, and a little feeling of pride which our modesty is not strong enough to repress, that we have done our best to earn their good opinion."

MILITARY ITEMS

According to a cable received by the Y. M. C. A., B. Section of No. 1 Field Ambulance Corps, which left Victoria on March 3, has arrived at Sandgate, Kent, Canadian Army Medical headquarters. In the 100 men there were about twenty local Y. M. C. A. members.

Bandmaster H. E. Allen, leader of the Nanaimo silver cornet band, has joined the 143rd Battalion B. C. Band, as bandmaster. He is organizing the Bandant band, and applications can be made for membership at the recruiting headquarters, View and Broad streets.

Lieut. Hugh Peters, 1st Pioneer Battalion, has been wounded by gunshot at the front, according to information just received by his father, Col. James Peters, Smith street, Esquimalt. He is the first officer of the Pioneers to be wounded. He was hit on March 20 and was removed to hospital, where he was visited by his brother, Major James Peters, of the Indian Cavalry. Lieut. Peters is a native son and is 25 years old.

Lance-Corporal Samuel F. D. Roe, 2nd Pioneer Battalion, whose name was in the last casualty list, is the son of G. H. Roe, 1121 Chapman street. He had been at the front about ten days. The extent of his injuries are unknown. He was born at Courtenay.

A lady who lived alone had taken into her service a young girl from the country. One day both mistress and maid were going out, and in such circumstances it was usual for the key of the back door to be hidden in the garden. The hiding place had been pointed out to the girl, and when she went out she was careful to secret the key in the place indicated, but she pinned on the door a piece of paper on which she had written, "Shall be back soon. Key under the flower pot on the window ledge!"

The best prayer at the beginning of a day is that we may not lose its moments.—Ruskin.

TENDERS OPENED FOR REPAIRS TO SEAWALL

Much Miscellaneous Business Before City Council Yesterday

Tenders for repair of the Ross Bay seawall, which came in the form of tenders for street piling, were opened in city council last evening. They will be dealt with at the streets committee meeting on Friday.

Some of the aldermen, notably Aldermen Johns and Walker, doubted the value of attempting repairs at this season.

A committee composed of Aldermen Todd, Fullerton and Cameron was appointed to consider a number of reports from heads of departments with regard to the domicile of inside employees.

A petition from the Victoria Machinery Depot and 27 others was received with regard to the Rock Bay bridge, and referred to the harbor committee.

The Ross Bay nursery was offered to the city for an addition to Ross Bay cemetery by Mr. Woodward, who urged several advantages that it offered.

The price he asked was \$27,000, \$35,000 cash, the remainder in city debentures. The council declined to proceed, considering that seven acres was insufficient for the new cemetery.

The council was reminded that action will have to be taken immediately with regard to Mr. Weiler's claim for compensation for delay in dealing with the expropriation of Douglas street corner, at Humboldt street. If the matter is not settled by April 5 Mr. Weiler indicates that proceedings will be commenced.

James Cronk, a returned soldier, was appointed post keeper. He is a married man with five children. The only objection offered was that he is not a property owner.

Authority for a tag day on April 15, for patriotic purposes, was given to the L.O.D.E.

The bakers will be enabled to sell a loaf of varying weight in future, provided that the weight is plainly marked on the loaf. The matter came up in a report from the health committee on the by-law submitted by the Bread and Cake Manufacturers' Association. The committee also secured power to draft a new by-law covering the trade.

Alderman Dilworth, on a question of privilege, replied to A. W. J. Bridgman's criticism before the municipal committee of the legislature. Mr. Bridgman had questioned his right to understand and pass judgment on land values, and claimed "he had never heard of Dilworth." Mr. Bridgman might be interested to learn, Alderman Dilworth said, that he had been 12 years a ratepayer, seven years a resident and four years an alderman of Victoria, that he had been judge of the court of revision in the Okanagan, and twice had been called in as an expert on valuation in the Okanagan district.

The Worswick matter came up again. Alderman Todd's motion called for an explanation from the city clerk, why a letter sent to Capt. Worswick had gone forward without consultation. Capt. Worswick also wrote promising to send the data requested in the resolution adopted by council two weeks ago. That resolution was ordered to go forward after consultation with the city solicitor, a course which was not followed.

While the motion for an explanation was adopted, the mayor said he had talked the matter over with the city solicitor, and as the council's resolution expressed just what information was necessary, he had the letter forwarded without any explanation.

A clergyman, preaching in a village church for the first time, was delighted to find the congregation so attentive, and told the vergor so after the service. "Bless you, sir," replied the vergor, "we was all looking for you to disappear." "What do you mean?" asked the clergyman. "Well, sir, you see, the pulpit is rotten, and hasn't been preached in this ten year or more."

For six years a bitter feud had existed between the Browns and Robinsons, next door neighbors. The trouble had originated through the depredations of Brown's cat, and had grown so fixed an affair that neither party ever dreamt of "making up." One day, however, Brown sent his servant with a peace making note for Robinson, which read: "Mr. Brown sends his compliments to Mr. Robinson, and begs to state that his old cat died this morning." Robinson's reply was bitter: "Mr. Robinson is sorry to hear of Mr. Brown's trouble, but he had not heard that Mrs. Brown was ill."

Plain truth will influence half a score men at most in a nation, for an age, while mystery will lead millions by the nose.—Rollingbrook.

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"BLIND PIG" CASE TO BE INVESTIGATED

Information is Invited, to Be Lodged With City Prosecutor; Some New Facts

Some interesting additional information with regard to the "blind pig" operated on election day was presented to the city council last evening. Alderman Walker said he had been informed where the beer came from, and that it had been delivered on the eve of the poll (March 3) at the committee rooms of one of the parties. Thence it was transferred that night to the premises afterwards raided. Alderman Todd read part of an invoice from a liquor firm showing that \$22 was paid for Scotch whisky delivered to the Wharf street address.

In face of these statements the council declined to accept the police commissioners' report, which stated that no further information was at their disposal beyond that already disclosed, and after several amendments one was adopted inviting all citizens who have additional information on the circumstances surrounding the illicit sale of liquor on election day to give such to the city prosecutor.

Alderman Bell opposed a motion to receive and file the communication of the police commissioners, observing "It is a pity that we cannot discover some way of following this matter up. We should at least know where the liquor came from, whether it was brought in by express, or bought locally. Surely it is possible for the police to locate whence the liquor came from."

The mayor: "Suppose you found out, what would you do?"

Alderman Bell: "Prosecute the parties guilty of the infraction of the law."

Alderman Todd thought that 95 per cent of the citizens had a good idea who the guilty man was. He knew that the police had got some information, at all events as to where the liquor came from. He knew where \$22 worth of whisky came from, and a prosecution, even if it failed to secure a legal conviction, would hold up the guilty parties to the public censure.

Alderman Walker stated that he had reliable information from certain persons with regard to the source of the supply of beer.

Alderman Dilworth supported an investigation.

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